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ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS FEDERATION UPDATE

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Introduction

Between this and the pervious Update, the ABC CC had a meeting and unanimously decided to separate into two separate formations. There is a collective statement within in the Update and extremely precise notes of the CC meeting are available upon request. The new formation is still grouping. Contact DC, Bronx or Baltimore ABC for more info on it.

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REPORTS

Jersey Report *NJ ABC- BG*

Promoting the Federation and PP/POW's: Computer Support

We have been writing promotional texts and sending them out over large computer e-mail message boards. There has been both positive and negative response. We have been following up the positive responses with more promotional information by postal mail. As we are in the middle of follow up and waiting for more responses thats all to report for this.

U-Mass Prisoner Awareness week

We also went to 2 days of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst's Prisoner Awareness week at the request of several students organizing the event. The first event we participated in was an open discussion on weather or not all prisoners were Political Prisoners. Hosting the discussion was the Maoist International Movement. They took the side that all prisoners were PP's. We took the other side and there was some interesting discussion around the point. We stressed that those prisoners who are in prison as a result of participating and building the movements we are a part of demand priority support. The rest of the days we tabled at the student center, talked with people about the need to support PP/POW's and tabled at Prisoner Awareness Week events.

Philly Mumia Demonstration

We went to Philadelphia on November 6th to a Mumia demonstration. As always, thanks to Carlos Africa for allowing space for a NJ ABC table. The more we are tabling at these and other events, the more people are asking questions about PP/POW's and taking info on them and the Federation. We were able to raise some more funds, 10% of which, as always when tabling Mumia demos, we give to Concerned Friends and Family of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

AANCO Conference

The Anti-Authoritarian Network of Community Organizers founding conference was held November 17-19 in Atlanta Georgia. In addition to trying to build AANCO, there were several organizing workshops. Co-facilatator

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin requested we give a presentation on the Federation and facilitate the workshop on supporting PP/POW's. We took the opportunity and made a presentation on the Federation how it works, what it is for and what it does. The workshop actually was more of a question and answer which we gladly facilitated. We also want to thank Ashanti Alston and Kai Lumumba Barrow for their supportive participation in this part of the presentation. We tabled at all three days and was able to sell some merchandise to support PP/POW's and distributed A LOT of PP/POW information.

Love and Rage Conference

We tabled, distributed ABC information, but did not raise much funds at the Love and Rage conference at Hunter College in NY on November 24-26.

Class War Prisoners Benefit

The Partisan Defense Committee held its tenth annual Class War Benefit on Dec. 1. We were granted table space and a speakers slot upon request and gladly took the opportunity to, with the PDC, represent our work to defend PP/POW's in the US.

Philly Mumia Activist Conference

There will be an activist conference in Philadelphia the weekend of Dec. 8-10. Organizers of this conference requested that NJ ABC co-host a workshop on PP/POW support with Ramona Africa of MOVE. This will be on Saturday, December 9th. We have yet to confirm the time slot.

Calendar Project

They are finished and available now. We are sorry to report that although we have been saying that they will be full color, the pre-press preparations and color separations for full color photos were incredibly expensive putting them real far out of our budget. Though there is a three color cover, the photos and the rest of the calendar will be gray scale. They are still beautiful and we are proud to have done them. There are a limited supply of these and we expect to sell them fast, we sold quite a few at the PDS event, so please, if you want them, order now. $12 plus $2 postage if ordering by mail. All orders to NJ ABC, all checks made to Neil A. Batelli.

Work With Sundiata Acoli

As a result of the NJ ABC merchandise catalog, we were able to sell a lot of Sundiata Acoli pamphlets, this enabled us to send $100 to Sundiata Acoli Freedom Campaign that was used to pay for the independent evaluation.

Work with NY3

We have just sent in a sample of the T-shirt design to the NY3 prisoners and are waiting to hear back from them on what they think about it. Soon as we do we will begin printing.

We have also been helping in the production of Jalil Muntaquin's upcoming book "We Are Our Own Liberators", by typing the manuscript in and creating a computer text file.

Coming home from the Oberlin CC meeting. Left to Right: Mathias (New Jersey ABC), Jenny (Jacksonville ABC), Chris (Jacksonville ABC), Neil (New Jersey ABC), Justin (Jacksonville ABC)

Work with Jaan Laaman

As many of you know, NBC aired a television movie called "Hunt for Justice" on October 1. It was the pro-government, terribly in accurate and at times simply false account of the FBI's and NJ State Police 7 year hunt of the United Freedom Front. The film portrayed Richard Williams cooperating with the FBI. Of course this was a lie and Jaan Laaman immediately issued a response that we faxed to Sundiata Acoli Freedom Campaign, who in turn put it out over the E-mail for us. We also made many, many copies and sent them with Bonnie Kerness to the National Control Unit Monitoring Project Conference in Chicago IL where many people picked them up and read of the situation for the first time. We also sent it to our local newspaper to be printed in the editorial pages, and though we had people employed there request it be printed and personally present it to the letters page editors, they would not print it.

Work with Carmen Valentin

In addition to the Federation sending Carmen Valentin $75 of the Emergency Fund to help her send her grandaugther Karina through school, NJ ABC joined her in a campaign by running a story in issue #30 of Paterson Anarchist Collectives and NJ ABC's monthly news sheet "Jersey Anarchist." Yearly subscription to "Jersey Anarchist" are $5.00 for groups and people, 12 0.32¢ stamps for prisoners.

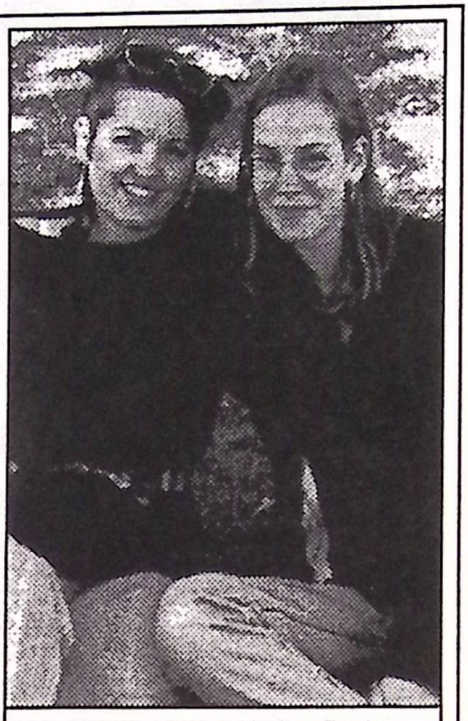
We have also begun to talk about doing a phone interview that we will tape, reproduce and sell to raise funds.

Phone Zap

The telephones at Trenton State Prison were damaged due to wind storms on November 12th. Phones all over the prison were out but operating again soon, except the phones on wing 3B-right. No later than November 14th at least one prisoner, Ojore Lutalo, filed a complaint form informing the Prison that the phones on that wing were still inoperable. The phones were still inoperable as of November 17th and a group of concerned people called the warden to find out why. Although prison administration processed the complaint form filed on November 14, and must have known, they claimed to have had no knowledge of the situation. The phones were still not operating as of November 21 so NJ ABC initiated a phone zap. When NJ ABC called, the wardens office was still claiming they did not know the phones on 3B-right were out. We don't know how many people responded to our request that was spread by E-mail but by that afternoon the phones were fixed and the warden's office called NJ ABC's office to assure us they handled the problem. Thank you to whoever answered the E-mail phone zap request.

William Paterson Event

We tried to set up a date with some students at the college for Dhoruba Bin Wahad to speak at William Paterson College in December, but we were unable to pull it off in time. If we are able to plan it for the future we will let everyone know.



Kris (MPLS ABC) & Marilyn Buck

Visiting PP/POW's

Since the last bulletin we have been to see Ojore Lutalo three times, Leon Singletary once, Prisoner of Conscience U'bay Lumumba once, Jalil Muntaquin twice and Herman Bell once.

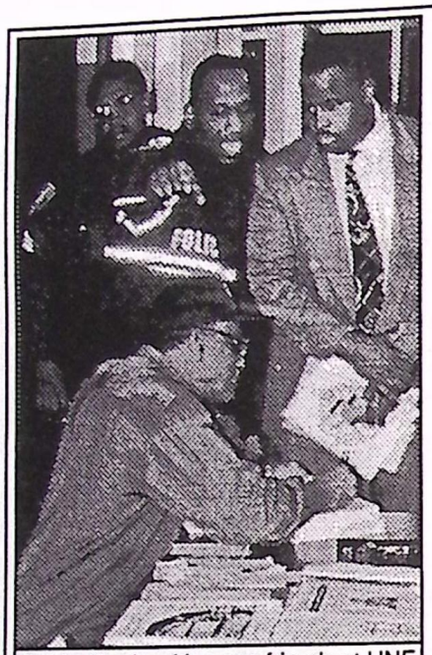
NJ ABC

Florida Report *Jacksonville ABC- SG*

We here in Jacksonville have been spending most of our collective energies on the internal growth and strengthening of our cadre. We've been putting more and more emphasis on our study groups (political education classes) and the qualitative growth of our collective. We feel that we must have concrete internal programs and a solid cadre of highly committed individuals (even if only a few) before our external programs will become truly strong.

We attended a program in support of the peasant movement of Pompay in Haiti. We passed out literature and information on Political Prisoners and we've found the level of ignorance of the so-called "progressive" people of the fact that amerikkka harbors such a mass of Political Prisoners and POW's relatively surprising.

Jacksonville ABC got the chance to attend our first ABC CC meeting in Ohio. We feel the overall experience of the meeting was a good one for all of us. This was the meeting where the split in the federation took place and Jacksonville ABC has decided to stay with the NJ/Lutalo proposal. We feel comfortable with the definition of a Political Prisoner/POW that NJ has put forth and the emphasis they have put on it. We feel that our priorities must and desperately



Bobby Seale with some friends at UNF

need to be on Political Prisoners and POW's and that this Federation is moving in a very positive direction. We feel that after the meeting most people have a clearer perception of what this Federation is about and have more room to grow in the direction we need to be growing.

We also got the chance to attend the AANCO conference in Atlanta co-organized by Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin. This conference gave us the chance to see what a lot of the other anarchists in the country are really about. I think a lot of people will be disappointed to know that not taking a bath and having stupid haircuts is not going to bring us one step closer to revolution. It is amazing how many people there are that just want to play games and have an interesting rebellious type hobble to occupy their time. COMBAT liberalism, COMBAT opportunism, too many people have died and literary given up their life and freedom to be playing games! It's time to face reality. The second day of the conference was a little better. We talked about the ABC Federation. There were whispers of a Southeastern ABC group but nothing was worked out.

Bobby Seal came to town and spoke at the University of Northern Florida. We were able to give an opening speech which they said could only last 10 minutes. We took the time to talk about Political Prisoners and after about 25 minutes Bobby Seale came out and literally took the microphone away. He gave a so-so speech where he mainly just defended himself being a sell-out and tried to sell his book, but did not mention Political Prisoners, Prisoner of War, OR revolution. He did tell us about him and a certain 7 black police officers going around to High Schools giving presentations to High School kids, whatever that means. We were able to set up a nice pamphlet and book table and were able to make some good community contacts. On a personal level Bobby was fairly nice to us and are grateful for his donations of books to our collective so that we could raise money.

The Free Food Program is doing really good. We're starting to form solid relations with a lot of the homeless people. They know who we are and what we're about. People would be surprised at how many homeless people could tell you about the case of Sundiata Acoli, Ojore Lutalo and Political Prisoners and POW's in general.

The Graffiti war is in full force. Attack the billboards, road signs, corporate buildings, schools, anything the capitalists hold dear. One of the most potent weapons of the fascist ruling class is propaganda. So be it, we must learn to wield the weapon of propaganda as well! Clandestine revolutionary graffiti warfare, hit and run tactics, form graffiti brigades now and literary paint the town red! Grafitti war on amerikkka!

We here in Jacksonville hope to see this ABC federation grow into something strong and consistent, something to hopefully set an example for other anarchist type groups. All power to the ABC Federation, all power to our prisoners. You are not alone, we will win!

Now and Forever in Struggle
Jacksonvillee ABC

Wisconsin Report

Milwaukee ABC- BG

We have been busy with local work these last few periods - though it's not totally relevant here we will run down a bit of it - some things we are doing as a collective others solo. The occupation of the Indian Community School in Milwaukee after the ousting of several instructors.

Fighting a new bill to remove the right of Indigenous school children to claim discrimination in their schools (The bill is sponsored by a racist state senator whose relative is being brought up on a discrimination suit). We are in the process of establishing a Milwaukee Cop Watch and Anti-Racist

Action - the first couple meetings have been well attended. In cooperation with other groups in the city we are looking into the possible of obtaining a office/free space. Collective folks also continue work with other organizations in the city.

During the recent uprisings we wrote articles and letters with little success of getting anything printed - with the exception of one letter. Folks here wrote and called complaints to various demoncrats and prisoncrats.

We continue our work to save the life of Khalfani Khaldun - going on trial this July for the murder of an Indiana State Prison guard - we have received many Affidavits of Rebuttal from those who were said to have made statements implicating Khalfani. He remains strong at the Maximum Control Complex in Westville - going into MCC Westville for a visit is definitely unlike any other Control Unit prison we've been too - the reality of faceless total isolation even on this said of the wall is numbing.

We continue work with prisoners in Indiana and Wisconsin, gearing up to launch a concerted effort against the proposed re-institution of the death penalty in Wisconsin, and the implementation of Chain Gangs - if anybody has any advice as to strategy it would be appreciated.

Due to the fact that we're broke we have missed many national events such as the AANCO conference that we would've like to have attended.

We were disappointed with the ABC meeting in Oberlin, OH. As an organization it was our first meeting of this sort with none of the attending members having experience with the type of structure that the meeting used. Due to this fact our participation was frustrated. We brought three proposals to the meeting that were never brought to a vote - we would still like to see this happen. The proposals should be included elsewhere in this bulletin. On proposal #1 regarding the decentralization of the Warchest we were told by members of NJABC that if the warchest were to be split up and all moneys not kept in the hand of NJABC that it would be a problem and put the project in jeopardy. They spoke for "the prisoners" saying that the prisoners did not know us and we could not be trusted with funds. If this is the truth, we wonder why we were voted in as a Branch Group of the Federation. The proposal stated points that were not discussed. NJABC then changed the discussion to the moving of the entire program - which was not our proposal and things got cloudy from there. Just to state a last fact here - if this proposal was to go through (with the exception of geographic distribution of prisoners - see Jaan's letter) we would be able to double or triple the money we raise for the warchest in a matter of months. If it doesn't we will continue the way we have been supporting the warchest, but most likely starting a separate similar project as well.

On proposal #2 - We believe that this proposal is strong as well, but that due to the communication problems that the CoP should only be expanded by 2 or 3 members. One question remains from the meeting - NJABC made a statement relating to knowing the history of pp's and pow's which we agree with, but the statement went further to say this information should be used so that "we're sure we want them there." Our question is who are we here for and who is deciding that we're sure we want them or not. If there are different perceptions as to how the federation should move forward that are not in agreement with the current CoP, are these pp's and pow's scratched off a list of possibilities?

Proposal #3 was not brought up at all and we would like it be now.

On the CoP proposals from the October bulletin. We believe Jaan's proposal to be solid (regarding COP communication). We have discussed it here in Milwaukee and would be willing to do a bi-weekly or monthly discussion bulletin for the CoP. - Yes.

On Sekou's proposal - Yes.

On Ojore's proposal - No vote at this time. We believe we need to develop a plan to make sure we are getting funds into those PP's and POW's who are in most need of funds, people that many on the outside may have heard little of, but that other PP's and POW's know (i.e. Jimmy Barrett).

On NJABC proposal - Yes.

New Jersey Proposal

The following proposal was discussed at leanght at the Oberlin Ohio CC meeting. It was unanimously passed. After this proposal is the collective statement regaurding the split.

Since the founding of the Federation (Wash D.C. May 6-7) there seems to be a lot of confusion inside as well as outside the Federation as to what are the goals and purposes of the Federation.

When we engineered the proposal we had hoped to word it in such a way as to attract those who were down with the fundamentals expressed within and to shy away those with other goals and motives who would wish to use what has been created and will be built to further their own partisan political agendas.

It was not our intention to build a Federation which would take sectarian and partisans positions which would limit the scope and effectiveness of our work in supporting PP/POW's.

Because of the confusion about the purpose and goals of the Federation we feel it is necessary that the Federation to reconvene its original founding conference and for the various ABC groups to decide whether the NJ/Ojore proposal best suits their interests and needs.

We made it clear at the DC meeting that the basics of the proposal were not up for discussion. We tried to make it clear both in the proposal and at the DC meeting that our intention was to build a formation that transcends various political tendencies and ideological barriers to build support through awareness and material aid for PP/POW in the US.

The formation we felt should take the form of a Federation. The Random House dictionary of the English Language defines a federation as:

"The act of federating or uniting in a league."

The definition of a league is:

"A covenant made between persons, parties, or states for the maintenance or promotion of common interests or for mutual assistance or service."

It is clear that in review of the definitions the formation that now exists is not a federation due to the different interests of groups involved.

It is apparent that some Branch Groups wish to put identity politics and sectarian positions above the common interest of the federation. ***THE COMMON INTEREST BEING THE SUPPORT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISONERS OF WAR.***

To illustrate what we mean we will use the following three examples.

I) Prison Abolition- Some BG's are pushing for prison abolition to be a point of Political Unity (common interest) NJ ABC is staunchly against Prison Abolition. If this were passed NJ ABC as well as others would be forced to leave.

II) Proposed By-Law: "We are opposed to racist, sexist and homophobic behavior within and outside the federation."

First Point of Contention:

It is ridiculous to make a by-law for an organization that opposes forces outside the Federation. It makes sense to say "within the Federation", but how would the by-law be enforced outside of the Federation?

Second Point of Contention:

Passing of the by-law would immediately put in jeopardy the Muslim prisoners, MOVE prisoners and others who have different views on what constitutes racism, sexism and homophobia.

Third Point of Contention:

Given our past experiences with the anarchist scene, this by-law paves the way for the CC to become a tribunal who would decide by their personal standards who is racist, sexist, or homophobic.

III) PP/POW's and Social Prisoners. Over the last couple of years, especially within the anarchist movement, the difference between PP/POW's and Social Prisoners has become blurred and the majority of ABC groups began touting and parading pictures and bio-sheets of social prisoners giving them PP status. Any prisoner could jot a couple of good sounding words to an ABC group and receive PP status, funds and in some legal help. Meanwhile the revolutionary movements PP/POW's languish in captivity.

This is not to say that social prisoners should not be aided. NJ ABC has definitely done our share of

support for social prisoners. Our point is that there is a clear difference between the two and even if the definition of PP/POW's was opened and widley accepted to include many social prisoners, those prisoners who are put in prison, those prisoners who have in many cases sacrificed their lives and lost their freedom as a result of conscious political action demand priority support of our movements. Some of the Federation groups think this is not correct and PP/POW's and social prisoners should be treated equally as important, should be able to serve on the COP and receive warchest funds.

These are not small differences, groups can only federate where there is common interests. Groups don't federate first and then decide what the common interests are.

When we presented the proposal the common interest was to defend and support PP/POW's by means of material aid and consciousness raising in the communities.

We feel that if it is in the interests of some BG's to build a federation with common interests such as prison abolition, aiding social prisoners, then they should do that and federate with groups who have that same common interests and develop a structural proposal that will suit the common interests better than a proposal built specifically for defense of PP/POW's.

We have, since the 1st edition of the ABC Federation Update, said that we have no intentions on cornering the ABC movement, that we were but one tendency. We know full well that not everyone will political identify with the goals and priorities of this structure. What is needed now is a principled split between the two tendencies within the Federation. Two (or more) formations working independently of one another, but, when possible and necessary, together. Meaning we support and aid one another in our autonomous activities.

ABC Federation Statement

COMMUNIQUE

*From the ABC Federation Coordinating Committee Meeting October 28, 1995 * Oberlin, Ohio*

At the meeting today, the Coordinating Committee of the Federation unanimously voted in favor of splitting. The split is not hostile, and both tendencies have voiced a strong willingness to support each other's projects. We had come to a crossroad, where our visions for the direction of the Federation are not compatible within the same organization. As a result we will pursue our visions for ABC organization separately. Neither tendency is claiming a monopoly on the ABC name or spirit. New Jersey ABC will continue to operate the Warchest program initiated by the Federation.

Both tendencies maintain a commitment to prioritizing our work in support of Political Prisoners and POW's in the U.S. Some of the issues dividing the groups are (in no particular order):

(1) The question of prison abolition

(2) The role of "social prisoners" in our organization and in our work

(3) How sharp of a focus we should keep specifically on supporting PP/POW's, and how to (and to what extent to) incorporate other anarchist politics into our ABC work.

Milwaukee Proposal

Proposal 1
Decentralization of the Warchest

We believe the Warchest needs to be decentralized for the following reasons:

a) security

-if the NJ ABC- BG becomes infiltrated, under attack or in some way under investigation all monies currently in the warchest can be frozen.

-If NJ ABC- BG gets taken down for any reason pertaining to ABC work, all contributing to the warchest could be taken down - this being especially relevant to current anti-terrorism legislation and RICO legislation. This situation would leave no support for the prisoners currently receiving funds, the federation would be tied up in legal circus or forced underground with no direct support

available from other ABC groups.

b) prosperity

-we have found, through talking with other individuals and organizations in our area that are unfamiliar with NJ ABC, a reluctance to send funds off while having a desire to pass them directly to us if we are the ones taking care of business.

How we propose restructuring:

a) that we geographically divide up the current individual supporters and support groups to send their monthly contributions to the nearest BG.

b) that we geographically divide up the current prisoners being supported to be funded by the nearest BG. This would obviously have to correspond with the amount each BG was generating each month and if the nearest BG was not able to support all closest prisoners the responsibility would be passed on to the next closest BG or the BG with the Monetary ability.

c) The financial report should be maintained monthly by one BG and sent out to all warchest participants (contributors and receivers). Each BG warchest head will send in the financial documentation (funds received, funds sent out) to the report in the 3rd week of each month.

Proposed arrangement:

Example: Milwaukee ABC BG $50, supporters Minneapolis ABC SG $60, Sam N. $20, Mellissa F. $10. Total funds; $140

Sent to R. Cinque Magee, Kojo Sababu, Marilyn Buck.

We would be able to cover all three prisoners (Marilyn receiving every other month) and as we would be able to enlist more people under this new arrangement we would be able to begin to send checks to Marilyn every month in a matter of weeks.

Proposal 2
Expansion of the Committee of Prisoners

We believe the COP should be allowed to expand from its current limit of 5. As Sundiata proposed, we believe that the "COP should be more diverse than it is..." From the words of woman Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War in the last bulletin, it is obvious that their direct participation in the Federation is necessary.

We believe the COP should be reflective of the total body of PP's and POW's. we need representation and guidance from woman, first nations, New Afrikan/Black prisoners, Puerto Rican, Euro-Americans - all who may have a different insight and understanding specific to their internment that the current COP may not.

If we are not putting a cap on the number of BG's or SG's on the outside, why put one on the COP?

Proposal 3

We believe that we should not just wait "for the situation to arise" when it comes to the question of Prisoner Solidarity Committee's participation in the Federation. We believe the vagueness to be a lack of impetus for the formation of these collectives and thus a hinder to our credibility and growth.

We believe that PSC's should be given a voice in the Federation to propose and vote on it's direction.

Response to Milwaukee Proposal

We oppose Milwaukee ABC's proposals for the following reasons

Proposal 1

a) Security- Decentralizing the warchest will in no way prevent any of the examples from taking place. If the government, for any reason, wishes to freeze warchest funds they will do so, if it is in 1, 2 or 10 areas. As was agreed at the Oberlin meeting, we do agree it is wise to add a clause, to the Warchest account so that if anything should happen, the account is turned over to another BG. However, all affairs are strictly legal and we stress we shouldn't romanticize our role.

b) Prosperity- Any group should feel free to draft warchest promotional literature that is geared to their area. Milwaukee and Washington DC have done so already. They should and have become a regional contact to collect funds. NJ has taken great pains to become accountable and no group should have a problem vouching for us to prospective contributors.

Problems with the proposed arrangement.

Aside from possible pitfalls that are expressed in Jaan Laaman's letter, with just over a year of experience of handling warchest

funds, we see the following problem arising. The proposed arrangement of splitting the funds into several areas would leave the fund severely weakened. Should regional supporting individual(s) or group(s) have to step off of their financial commitment or become late, the funds that are sent out will be effected. When all the money is pooled in one sum (in one location) it leaves us breathing room. People have consistently been 1, 2, 3 and even 4 months late in sending in their monthly donations. Centralization makes it possible for people, out of economic necessity or simple inconsistency, to be late without outgoing funds being hindered.

In Milwaukee's work report, they mentioned our position on credibility, which we firmly stick to. We believe that unless a group has had a history of doing fund raising work and have a reputation for being financially accountable, they should not be given the responsibility of facilitating warchest funds. It is extremely important for other ABC groups to gain a highly credible reputation of accountability among PP/POW's. The only way they will become accountable is if the groups take the time and do that type work. The only reason NJ ABC has been able to initiate and successfully maintain this program is because of the credibility our work has fortunately earned us. Understand that we are not implying that not having this credibility means one is untrustworthy, or financially delinquent, we simply believe that more groups should take steps to become accountable before being given such an important responsibility.

Proposal 2

We are opposed to the expanding the COP from 5 members for the following reasons: In our experience over the last 7 months, maintaining timely correspondence with the COP has been extremely difficult, and for the majority of the time it was only 3 prisoners. Even though a biweekly or monthly COP bulletin can be printed (and is needed) does not mean we will be able to successfully get proposals, responses and votes from a committee of 6 or 7 (or 5!) Committee panel. Jaan details some of this in his response. From experience in dealing with this, we can tell people that keeping 3 PP/POW's in touch with one another has been very difficult, we now have a 5 member board and it will be even more difficult. We really feel like we would be getting ahead of ourselves to do this. It has taken us more than 6 months to finally agree on the current 5 prisoners and have them agree to serve on the COP, and EVEN BEFORE we had the 5, there was a proposal for more.

The motivation behind expanding the COP was to be more representative. NO ONE EVER DISAGREED. It is a valid point. However, this issue was resolved. It was proposed and accepted that the COP members be those who show the most interest in participating in our work. When the Federation started in May '95, those prisoners were Ojore Lutalo, Sundiata Acoli, Sekou Odinga, Herman Bell and Jaan Laaman. Thus, the current committee. We also all agreed to take steps to diversify the committee. We agreed to do so by sending the update to a wide variety of PP/POW's and invite participation. Committee members serve one year. After their term is up, we would solicit those prisoners who after a years worth of discussion, had shown the most interest in participating in our work. NJ ABC is having excellent success here. We have since opened a political and working dialogue with Jalil Bottom, Marilyn Buck, Carmen Valentin and Bill Dunne. Recently we have written Abdul Majid, Robert Seth Hayes, Silvia Baraldini, Susan Rosenburg and Alejandrina Torres and also invited them to participate. In May of '96, Sundiata, Sekou, and Ojore's one year is up. At the end of the term, a prisoner has the option of stating he/she would like to remain, but Sekou and Sundiata have already claimed they would serve only one year. There will be at least two positions (possibly 3) open in less than 5 months. Carmen Valentin, Marilyn Buck and Bill Dunne have all expressed interest in the COP. Both Jaan and Herman also expressed an interest in only one term, they will have served a year in Oct. '96, meaning the COP will have a rotation every 6 months or so. We think this speaks somewhat to Marilyn's suggestion of a steady rotation. If the only motivation for expanding the COP is to further diversify it, the COP will shortly become more diverse with out having to expand it and deal with all of the additional complications.

We have always said that COP members need to want to partici-

pate before they are asked to serve, and yes, we need to want them there. This is the importance of having some history of political work/dialogue with the people who serve on the COP. **There needs to be mutual willingness to work**. Only after we get to know one another and where we all want to go will we be able to successfully work together. That's all that is implied.

Proposal 3

Unless anyone has any specific proposals on this, we move that the Prisoner Solidarity Committee's be removed from the structure. First, because there are none, they do not exist, and in our experience there has been little interest from social prisoners to start any. Prisoner Solidarity Committee's were hypothetically to be social prisoners who supported the aims, projects and goals of the federation (to defend, and politically/materially support PP/POW's), and until someone, more specifically, social prisoners, can think of a way to foster this, we think creating organizations that no one has shown interest in working on, not to mention giving these non-existing bodies the power to vote is again, getting ahead of ourselves.

LETTERS

Response to Milwaukee Proposal

11-27

Dear comrades -

....I've been trying to think about the proposals you asked for feedback on, but it's been hard, because i'm not the one out there doing the work. So my opinions are limited, and I feel there are some areas I'm just not able to have helpful ideas on.

On proposal 1, I think it's right to plan for the possibility (probability) of repression, because we know it's always there. In that light, the idea to decentralize the warchest strikes me as correct. (I also took seriously the comments about how the fund raising is affected by being done locally). I don't know if there are positions against de-centralization, but on the face of it, your proposal seems to make sense. Aside from the issue of repression, though, this really seems like a topic best decided by those doing the work-thats you!

On 2, it makes sense to me to expand the number of prisoners involved, if the outside number is not limited. The only potential problem I see is the possibility of slowing work down too much due to the complexities of communication from out to in & back. I think the idea of trying to involve us in your work is very important; I also think it's going to take a lot of planning and work. I agree with whoever it was who said there are lots of issues we prisoners don't need to be consulted on, because they affect the daily practice you engage in, which we don't know that much about. So I think everyone is going to have to be thoughtful & flexible as to what issues need prisoner discussion & what don't.

I didn't understand Proposal 3, so I can't comment on it.

Right now I'm involved in working on a program for World AIDS Day, an information update to be delivered by an outside speaker who is a Public Health nurse. Our AIDS groups PLACE (Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education) is also finishing up a toy and gift-making project for children with AIDS; planning a health fair to be done as part of Black History month; and working on a program to talk about "how to talk to your children about HIV and AIDS." We also do basic AIDS education for all incoming prisoners.

Gotta end this now - take care, all, and thanks always for your support. By the way - in answer to your question on the lockdown - there will be a short article in Out of Time, the newsletter of Out of Control Committee. You can probably get a copy from them (3543 18th St., SF, CA 94110).

Venceremos!

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Response to Milwaukee Proposal

22 Nov. 1995

Greetings BCAC,

...I find it somewhat difficult to respond to your proposals. You give the pros, what are the cons? There are always pros and cons when discussing issues of centralization and decentralization, some on the merits of security, most political-who controls the finances.

Since I have no political basis, or agenda, regarding the issues, I cannot make a judgment.

What does seem clear to me is that there is a lot of politics and other agendas involved in the recent shiftings within the Federation. I do not know all the issues with these degrees of subjective posturing, power, etc. involved. Therefore I will not put myself in the middle of something I do not understand well. But thanks for asking.

To be clear I am neither for nor against your proposal regarding the $chest.

I am receiving $ every other month because comrade Herman wished to share his contribution with me. It's an act of solidarity from you and him, and the $ is helpful. However at this time I would not want to be considered separately. There are many other comrades who need the monthly amount more than I. When I do need more support I will ask you, and will not be shy. I am concerned with comrades who get lost in the cracks, who have been down long years with little personal or political safety net.

Part of the strength and necessity of the Fed. is, from my point of view, to reach the point where all the political prisoners & POWs have recognition and support.

Back to the proposals. Regarding prop. 2 on the expansion of the CoP. While I would not oppose it being expanded by a few prisoners I don't think it should necessarily comprise all the prisoners at once. That would become unwieldy. But I do support that all the prisoners could elect a CoP each year, or part of it (For continuity perhaps elect 1/2 the board 1 year the other 1/2 the next. 2 year terms perhaps, or all every year.

Without political debate, discussion, the Federation for the prisoners remains primarily a support group, which is fine as a function of your political organizations. If it is envisioned as something more than that to embrace the varied politics of the political prisoners/ POW's then that is a more difficult project and goal. Thus far the efforts have been quite democratic. A good struggle and process has been undertaken.

Finally prop. 3. No comment. I don't understand the structure, what distinguishes a PSC from a BG/SG...

Enough. Forward Ever.

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Response to Milwaukee Proposal

Nov. 29, 1995

Dear Milwaukee ABC,

....Here are some thoughts on your 3 proposals. First, a couple of overall impressions - 1. unless there is a good reason to do otherwise, it's best to keep procedures/ methods as straight forward as possible (geography and realities of communications in and out of kamps are problematic enough); 2. I don't have especially strong feelings about any of the proposals.

Proposal 1 - concerning decentralizing the fund raising and distribution. First i'd say this is sort of an administrative issue-how best to coordinate it. Since you folks outside are actually doing it, you should work out the best arrangements there. Perhaps trying one approach and adapting or improving it makes most sense. Your proposal sounds something like this now, that is if there are problems with the way thing work now, if not? Having said all that, let me point out a few problems i see though.

a) security - this is a legitimate issue, but the more you spread it out, the more likely some infiltrator will be involved. The point has to be that people actually handling

all fund raising and distribution have to be as well known and trusted as possible. Plus, since there is no illegality involved in any of this, everything needs to be done as above-board and on the record as possible. This, i think, is the best protection against provocateur moves. In this sense, less people actually involved in the nuts and bolts of dealing with $ makes most sense. But even if it is spread out with several locations for collection and distribution, the best protection still remains the totally above-board and full record method of doing work.

As for the prosperity point, if people/groups close to you are more comfortable giving funds to Mil. ABC, that's cool. You could just as easily be a collection point and then pass on the funds to NJABC, though.

On the proposed restructuring, the geographic basis for collecting and distributing funds could get real cumbersome. Prisoners get moved around pretty randomly, especially in the federal system. It seems like needless bureaucratic shuffling to change the point of origin of the funds to a prisoner, simply because she/he has been transferred to another kamp in some other state, etc.

If you are going to decentralize this work try not to get bogged down with too much procedure. Overall, to me, it seems unnecessary to change, but if you outside can collect and distribute more funds by doing so, then i think you should. Each BG and SG would need to set up and closely follow a schedule for putting together a regional fund raising/distribution reports and sending them in on a certain date to a central point so a clear and continuing record is maintained (as it has been so far by NJABC).

Proposal 2 - The CoP could be expanded. In order to make it/keep it an actual functioning committee (as opposed to a list of somewhat known names), i would suggest no more than 6 or 7 people. Between censorship and delays in receiving/sending mail in kamps, and the cost and somewhat restricted use of telephones, communications among CoP and between CoP and the federation, is at best time lagged and often disrupted. So anything beyond a small number - say 6 or 7, makes a functioning CoP impractical. I do think the sisters voice is needed. In a general way, within the context of the federation and its work/objectives, i think pp's and pow's are in support of the effort. From my experience, pp's support, learn from and back each other. There is very little ideological sectarianism, even while individuals may hold differing outlooks. So in this sense i don't believe a problem exists as far as who exactly is on the CoP. The important point is to have a working body and get some things done.

Proposal 3 - Prisoner Solidarity committees, where they exist, should have voice and input.

Here in Leavenworth, there were no incidents last month. We were locked down, in one form or another, from Oct. 20 to Oct. 31. I'm sure most men here, like prisoners around the BOP, feel the inequity between crack and powder cocaine sentences is wrong and should be changed. Many men here watched C-span while Congress voted this down. There are many, mostly younger men of color, here who are affected by this unjust law.

Take care - keep up your good work, we will too. I'm sending a copy of this to NJABC too.

AMANDLA!

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Response to Milwaukee Proposal

Greetings BCAC:

In your two page letter with 3 proposals you express interest in getting more representation and guidance. What kind of guidance and representation are you proposing? Mostly all Puerto Rican political prisoners and pow's have been in prison for over 15 years. Like most pp's and pow's, we have been excluded from any kind of participation outside of our movement.

The evidence shows that when asked to participate mostly all of

us have responded in a positive way. For example, in the last bulletin there were letters from different political prisoners and pow's. It was interesting reading Tom Manning's concern for Jimmy Barrett's financial situation. Also what Carmen Valetin said about Ricardo Jimenez plight was interesting. Because I was with Jimmy in Marion, I'm aware of his economic situation. And any help he can receive will be appreciated by those of us who know him. Not only does he need economic support but also moral and spiritual. There's the case of Yu Kukimura. He only spoke Japanese when he began serving time in Marion. His need for moral support is great. Today, he is in ADX-Florence, where he'll spend the rest of his sentence, because he refuses to work for the Federal Prison Industry based on his political principles and convictions. Who gives support to him? Who seeks his guidance and representation?

I believe that support for political prisoners and pow's is badly needed. But there is also a great need for dialogue and understanding between those of us in the gulags and people committed to freedom and justice on the outside. Today, we are confronted with a punishment industry that is booming. It has replaced the u.s. military in economic significance. Yet very few voices are expressing any concern about this aberration and what it's doing to the New Afrikans, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Natives and poor whites in this country. Let's hope that more voices begin to express concern and opposition.

Take Care,
En resistencia y lucha,

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Response to Poison Your Mind

"Be aware of the enemy; who poses as your friend"-Malcolm X

I read the piece which appeared in the Sept. Edition of RTW (Raze The Walls), entitled "Poison Your Mind" and found it to be arrogant, childish, egotistical, divisive and most of all, disrespectful!

Even though some of the points raised may have been valid, such as "authoritarianism" and alleged censorship by the Federation of opposing views, the value of these points were all but lost due to the spirit in which it was offered in.

If Harold of Tennessee had a disagreement regarding the aspects of the Federation, his criticisms could have been expressed in a more "mature" constructive manner; Instead, he chose to ridicule and make mockery of "proven" New Afrikan POW's in has "failed" attempt to discredit them by using demeaning terms like "pee pee pals", "Larry, Curly and Moe", Johnny come lately" - THIS is the kind of derogatory rhetoric we would expect from the enemy, but then again, MAYBE that's just what he considers himself to be; "the enemy" the enemy of "Black people!"

He then went on to attack the brothers (The brothers referred to in Harold's "subjective piece was Sekou Odinga, Sundiata Acoli, and Ojore Lutalo) NOT for their ideologies, but for their "alleged" ex ideologies; labeling them ex Marxist", when only ONE of the three brothers on the committee was EVER a Marxist, which was "short lived", and even if the all WERE Marxist, THAT'S no reason to attack them on such a malicious, mean spirited, "personal" level! This is PRECISELY the type of ideological dogmatism that makes it so hard for a mass based movement to be rebuilt today; people's tendency to allow themselves to be guided by ideological restraints, rather than "principled" relationships and coalitions.

Perhaps Harold is of the narrow and counter productive school of thought which advocates that anarchist groups should only support anarchist politico prisoners; Marxist groups should limit their support to politico prisoners of the Marxism Leninism persuasion, nationalist for nationalist, etc. With these type of backward approaches, the government don't have to worry about "dividing" us, because we're too busy dividing ourselves; they don't have to worry about us posing a threat to them - NO, we're too busy bickering about philosophical ideolo-

gies and WHO got the best politico line to pose a threat to anyone!

To add insult to injury, Harold of Tennessee, who appears to be motivated more so by envy and jealousy than anything else, attempts to reduce these principled brothers to mere opportunists with hidden personal agendas! To make such a baseless, foolish claim, should tell us much about, NOT the character of those being attacked, but about the "character" who's doing the attacking!

I guess Harold gets some type of "cowardly" personal pleasure out of, from miles away, launching personal attacks and taking pot shots at Black manhood and respected BLA members; I'm sure he managed to impress many by his bravery.

In reality though, the disdain shown in Harold's piece shouldn't be seen as a personal attack against these brothers "personality", because "personally", he don't know NEITHER of them, but instead is relying on information that's being fed to him by others who apparently share his views and agenda. So this should be seen as exactly what it is, RACIST attack by yet another "movement racist" on the Black Liberation Army and their militant ideology! And this should come as no surprise to ANYONE who are even "remotely" aware of recent history because the "white left" and other "symbolic revolutionaries" have ALWAYS had problems with supporting the BLA - they felt like the BLA was "hitting too hard" and wouldn't allow others to dictate to them how hard the enemy should be hit OR what terms they should be "hit" on. Therefore, support for the BLA was generally withheld by the white left, with the exception of a few courageous "individuals" such as Marilyn Buck.

To suggest that others came "late" implies that he (Harold) must have been around for a while; IF this is the case, then he SHOULD have developed into "politico maturity" by now, whereas he could level criticism against others without resorting to school yard name calling.

Freedom or Death!!

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(Sorry, no photo available)

Hatari

You'll be hearing from me

11-6-95

My dear friends & companeros at the Black Cross Federation,

Thank you for your contribution towards Karina's educational fund. I must tell you that what started out as a cry for help, for I found myself frustrated, helpless, sad, angry, has become a great learning experience. I had been sitting here just doing this time, occasionally witting a solidarity message when asked, when until one day when suddenly I got the bright idea of sharing my problems with others out there. Opening my door to others has reaffirmed many things, one of course is how much stronger individualism has grown!

Let me not dwell on the negative but rather point out the greatest thing that has come out of this out reach. I believe that if I had not been involved in this project, I probably would have never established contact with you. The North American PP's had turned me on to you, but I had dismissed the idea thinking that my need was not as urgent. Right about the same time Neil wrote.

I'm very excited to have established contact with you. I talk to everyone about you, as if you (all) had been around us for years. Let's hope this connection grown and that we can build a strong tie, bond of mutual and real solidarity for the struggle. You'll be hearing from me.

I will put the Federation's name for the quilt raffle. This will not happen until the early part of '96. I'm working on it presently.

Lot's of love and respect,
Forever In Struggle

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An Anarchist Defense of Pornography

Pornography continues to be a controversial issue, including among anarchists, whom one might expect to be among the strongest supporters of free sexual expression. However, many anarchists have criticized pornography and some have supported and or participated in the antipornography movement, the members of which not infrequently strive to prevent those wishing to view pornography from doing so. Some anarchists in Canada even went so far as to firebomb a sex video store, an activity which many other anarchists either ignored or chose not to criticize. Meanwhile, those of us who defend pornography and freedom of expression, sexual or otherwise, are dismissed as sexists and reactionaries. Why is it that supposed lovers of freedom and sexual liberation seem to forget their principles when it comes to sexually explicit literature and pictures?

The antipornography movement, including its anarchist members and supporters, is not monolithic. Some dislike dirty books and movies, but support people's freedom to produce and consume such material. They rely on argument and protest in an attempt to change the attitudes of those who like porn, encouraging them to refrain from indulging in it, and do not support censorship. Others, again including some anarchists, feel that physical attacks on porn stores or government-mandated censorship are acceptable tactics in the fight against porn. While only the latter position is censorious, and therefore unanarchic, the former position, which is contemptuous of depictions of sex is also problematic in a movement which purportedly favors sexual freedom.

Pornography is simply a depiction, in words or pictures, of sexual activity. Most people find sex a good, pleasurable activity and looking at pornography is sexually arousing for many people. Anti-porn people frequently say that the images of women in porn are degrading and offensive to women. However, while some women certainly are offended by pornographic images they find degrading, other women enjoy pornography. (See, for instance the book *Caught Looking* by Kate Ellis, et al, or *Writing Sado-masochistic Pornography: A Woman's Defense* by Deborah Ryder.) While the anti-porn movement views women as a class, who all share the same goals and desires, women are not a mass of automatons who all think and feel alike; some are pro-porn and some are anti-porn, just like men. Additionally, the images of women in porn are no more sexist and demeaning towards women than the images of women in most literature and visual media, from novels to movies to TV to magazine ads. In a sexist society, most images of women are going to contain at least some of the sexist attitudes common to both women and men. Besides, some pornography contains women characters who are very independent, self-motivated and concerned with their own pleasure, especially in S/M porn where women are frequently on top. What bothers these people is not the image of women in porn, which is like that elsewhere in society, but its sexual explicitness; they are uncomfortable with sex.

Anti-porn activists also claim that porn, with its allegedly degrading view of women is responsible for the attitudes and actions of men towards women, and therefore is different from other forms of expression. But, as with other types of writing and pictures, porn generally shows what people want to see and are comfortable with; it doesn't plant foreign ideas in people's minds. And, even in the few cases where novel ideas are introduced to people in porn, they remain just that, ideas. Men do not rape or beat women because they see it in a movie. Sexism, rape, and beatings of women by their partners existed long before the widespread dissemination of modern pornography, and societies with little or no porn are no less sexist and violent than those where it is common.

The claim that men are made violent by porn, besides being inaccurate, is also based on a myth: that most pornography is violent. Most porn is composed of depictions of non-violent, consensual, mutually pleasurable sex. Some of it also contains S/M sex, which, while including the trappings of violence, and involving (apparent) pain, is also consensual and mutually pleasurable. There is certainly some porn which depicts rape or other coercive and violent sex, but it is a small portion of the porn produced and consumed. Moreover, like violent non-sexual movies and books, it is simply a depiction of a fantasy, made up by the author, or performed by consenting actors. Violent porn is no more real violence than are the *Halloween* movies. And if anti-porn people are truly concerned about the violence and not the sex in porn, why is it that they protest only porn shops or destroy porn mags and video stores, while ignoring *Friday the Thirteenth* and horror magazines and books?

One aspect of the whole phenomenon of porn that is often left out of the discussion is that of homosexual porn. Much of the pornography produced today shows men having sex with men, with a growing proportion depicting woman-woman sex. The anti-porners tend to ignore homoporn because it gives the lie to many of their arguments. If depictions of inequitable sexual encounters between men and women are degrading to women, why aren't similarly inequitable encounters between men and other men (which are very common in all-male porn, with its tops and bottoms) degrading to men? And if they are degrading to men, why isn't such porn offensive to men, especially bottom men? And, if there is S/M imagery and (pretend) violence in this porn, why doesn't this result in widespread violence against men, and even rapes of men?

A discussion of such issues never takes place, since most of the people who oppose heteroporn are unwilling to talk about, let alone criticize, queer porn because they do not want to risk being seen as 'homophobic' or otherwise politically incorrect. This is due to the fact that porn has often been seen, rightly, as liberatory by homosexualist men (and recently also by some homosexualist women), and is a much more open part of mainstream life for queer men that heteroporn is in straight society. Because of this 'politicization' of queer porn, any discussion of homoporn by the anti-porners, few of whom are homosexualist men, is likely to be criticized by gay liberationists as 'anti-gay,' and thus effectively suppressed. This is unfortunate, since such a discussion would show the fallacies in the anti-porn arguments.

Even though it seems odd that sexual liberationists and anarchists find porn offensive, it is certainly true that people have different tastes. Just because I like porn doesn't mean that you should. But, if one finds something offensive, they should simply avoid it, and thereby avoid the offense. However anti-pomers are not content with this strategy when it comes to porn. They feel that if it offends them, it must offend others, primarily women, and they take it upon themselves to protect others from it. Additionally, since they feel it leads otherwise non-violent, women-loving men onto the path of violence and sexism, they feel they need to prevent men from seeing porn as well.

As stated above, anti-pomers differ on the strategy they employ to achieve these ends. While those who rely on argument and protest to influence others to avoid porn are preferable to the censors, their ideas about people should be problematic for those with an anarchist perspective. People are free agents who make choices and decisions based on what they observe, hear, and otherwise experience, and are responsible for the outcome of these choices. The libertarian way to deal with other free agents who choose to view or read materials of which one disapproves is to let them see these books or movies and then discuss the material with them and try to convince them of one's point of view.*[...]*

More objectionable to anarchists, however, are the anti-porn activists who are frankly censorious.*[...]* While sharing the views of anti-porners who seek to protect others from porn, these people go a step further and use coercive force to achieve their ends. This is totally incompatible with the kind of voluntary society sought by most anarchists, and should be denounced by all freedom-lovers.

Pornography, like any other form of entertainment can be good or bad, based on the individual merits of any particular work. However, as a genre of literature or film, it is no better or worse or good or evil than any other. If porn is bad or sexist, the best strategy is to criticize it and discuss it with others, and/or make good, non-sexist porn, not suppress it. Sex and its depiction are a source of pleasure for many and our freedom to indulge in both should be defended, or at least tolerated, by anarchists. Censors, including those who claim to be anarchists, are the enemies of freedom, and anarchists who support them call into question their commitment to a free society.

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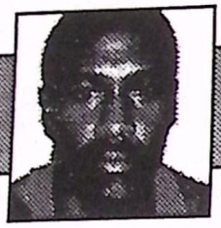

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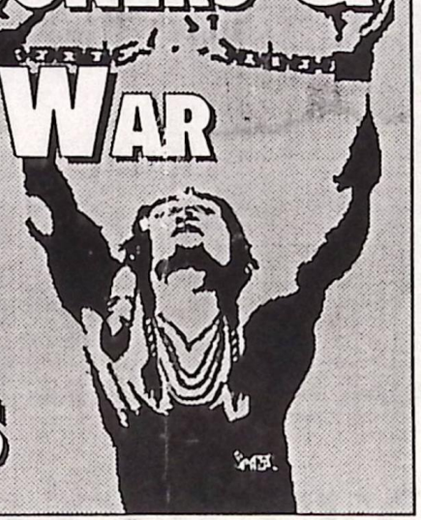

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FUNDS SENT OUT

*(A * marking indicates funds from the Emergency Fund)*	1994 NOV	DEC	1995 JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	1996 JAN	
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C. Valentin 88974-024 5701 8th St, Camp Park A - Dublin, CA 94568													75*			

Funds Collected November/December 1995

November:

Regular:	$350.00
Irregular:	$109.00
Total:	$459.00

December:

Regular:	$140.00
Irregular:	$ 76.00
Total:	$216.00

Nov. / Dec. Totals

November:	$459.00
December:	$216.00
Total:	$675.00

Funds Sent Out November/December 1995

November:

Monthly Checks:	$300.00
Emergency Fund:	$ 75.00
Total	$375.00

December:

Monthly Checks:	$240.00
Emergency Fund:	$ 0.00
Total	$240.00

Nov. / Dec. Totals

November:	$375.00
December:	$240.00
Total:	$615.00

Grand Totals Collected:

Total from 1994:	$ 351.00
Total from 1995:	$3,800.00
Total funds in:	$4,151.00

Sent Out:

Total from 1994:	$ 120.00
Total from 1995:	$2796.00
Total funds out:	$2,916.00

In the Emergency Fund:

Total Collected:	$4151.00
Total Sent Out:	$2916.00
Emergency Fund:	$1,235.00

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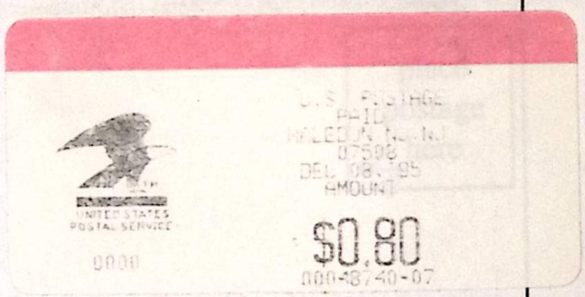

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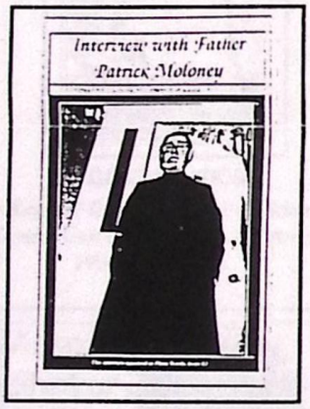
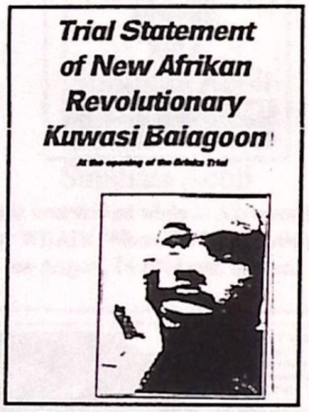


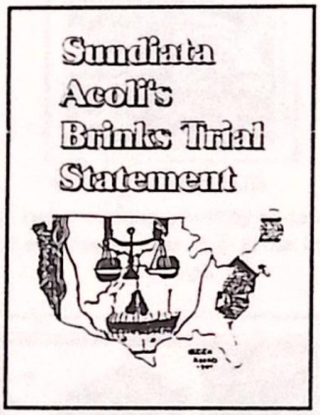
Interview with Fr. Pat Moloney

Fr. Pat Moloney was convicted of conspiracy in the '92 $7.4M Brinks robbery that allegedly went to support the IRA



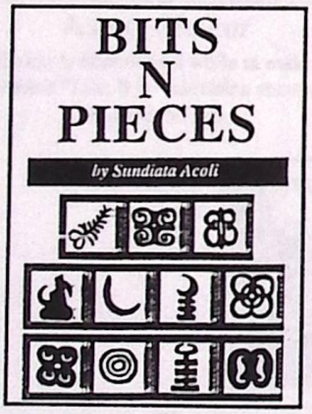
Kuwasi Balagoon Trial Statement

BLA soldier and POW, Kuwasi Balagoon delivers this statement to the court at his Brinks trial



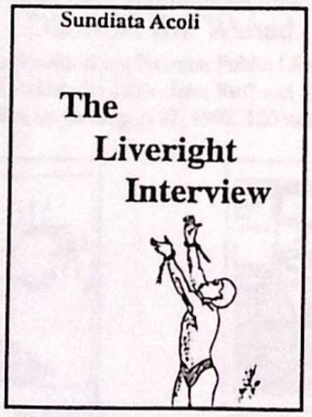
Sundiata Acoli Trial Testimony

BLA soldier and POW, Sundiata Acoli's testimony on behalf of defendant Sekou Odinga 8-15-83



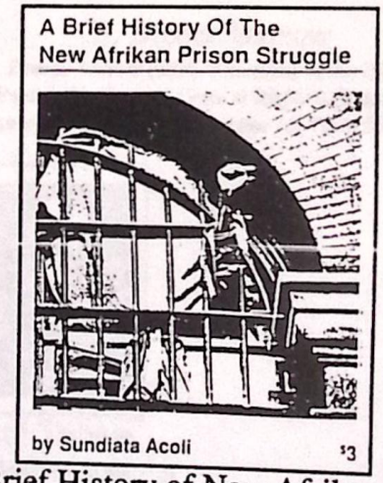
Bits 'n Pieces

A compilation of several writings by BLA Prisoner of War, Sundiata Acoli



Liveright Interview

Betty and Herman Liveright interview Sundiata Acoli while in Prison at Leavenworth.



Brief History of New Afrikan...

Sundiata Acoli outlines the history of New Afrikans and their struggles in U.S. prisons

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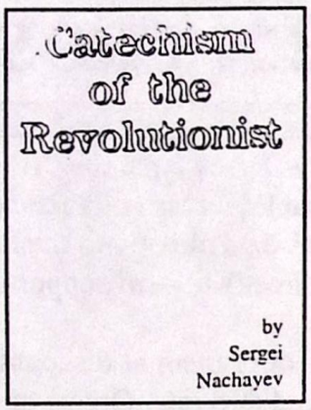


Catechism of the Revolutionist

First printed in the 1800's, Sergei Nachayev authors this outline of strict discipline and focus needed by the revolutionary

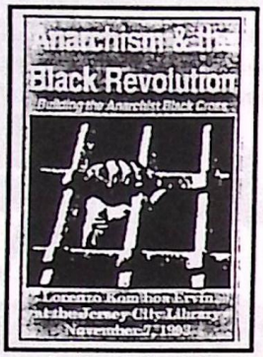
Basic Bakunin

First Printed by the Anarchist Communist Federation, this booklet explain some politics of Bakunin who's been called the father of Anarchism

Statements to ABC Conf.

R. Levassur, H. Thompson, J. Perrotti, L. Whitehorn and the Peltier Defence Com. send statement to the Conference participants.

AUDIO TAPES



Anarchism & the Black Revolution

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin speaks with Breeze Barrow and Edna Rashid at the Newark Public Library November 7, 1993. 90 min.

Interview with Fr. Pat Moloney

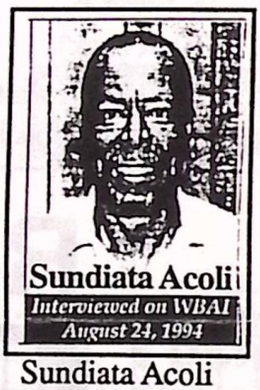
This is the audio recording of the booklet interview conducted while Fr Pat was under house arrest on January 22, 1994. apx 45 min.

Bobby Seale & Huey Newton

2 Bobby Seale speeches, one at a Panther reunion another as a PP in prison. 2 Huey Newton Interviews, both while in prison. apx 60 min

Bonnie Kerness

Bonnie Kerness' Control Unit presentation at the ABC/Control Unit Conference in NY August 12, 1994. apx 20 min.



Sundiata Acoli

Sundiata is interviewed while in Allenwood Federal Prison by WBAI's "Where We Live" radio program on August, 24 1994 apx. 30 min.

George Jackson

George Jackson is interviewed by an unknown person at an unknown time while at San Quentin. apx. 50 min.

Assata Shakur

Assata Shakur is interviewed while in exile in Cuba by Gil Noble's "Like It Is" television show on April 10, 1988. 60 min.

Dhoruba Bin Wahad

Dhoruba Speaks at the Paterson Public Library with Bilal Hakim, Ed Little, John Ruff and Kamal Rogers on August 27, 1992. 120 min.

E. Breeze Barrow

Breeze Barrow (RIP), a member of the Black Panther Newspaper Com. at Right To Existence Anarchist bookstore December 16, 1992. 50 min.

Ramona, Carlos, Consuella Africa

Ramona, Carlos and Consuealla Africa of the MOVE organization speak at Da Underground, Hip Hop Club in Paterson, NJ March 16, 1994. 60 min.

Sacco & Vanzetti Tribute

PAC's tribute to Sacco and Vanzetti on the 75th anniversary of their death at Fedderici Park, Paterson, NJ. August 23, 1992. 15. min

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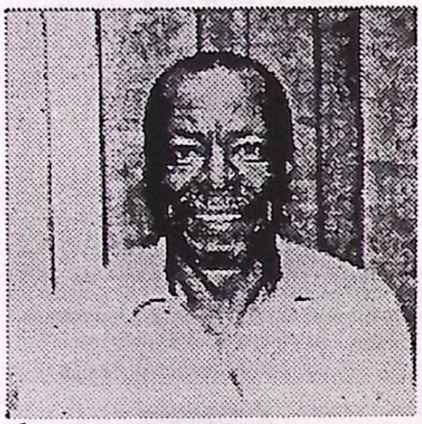

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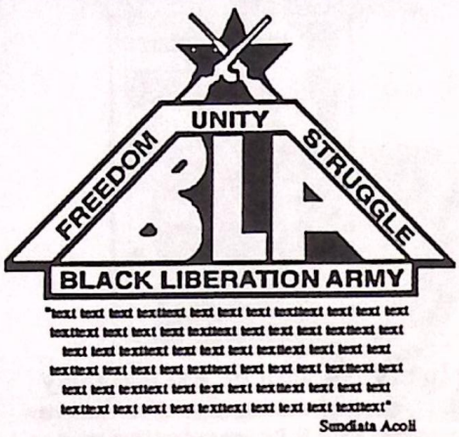

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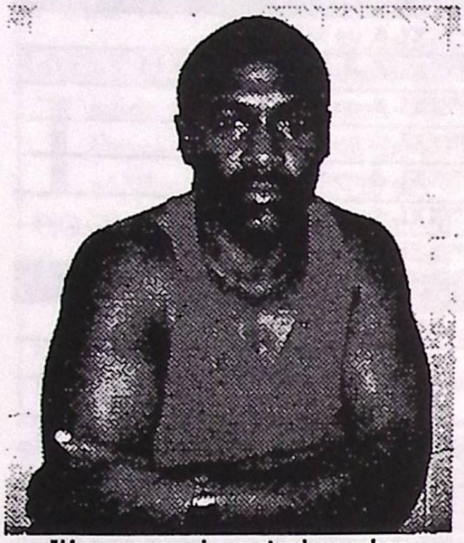

"Here we remain, yesterdays urban guerillas, abandoned in captivity."

-Ojore N. Lutalo

(front)

ON PRISON REBELS

WHEN OJORE SAYS HE IS NOT A PRISON REBEL, IT IS BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT ONE CAN NOT OVERTHROW OR UNDERMINE A REPRESSIVE REGIME FROM THE CONFINES OF A PRISON CAGE SINCE THE FRONT IS OUT THERE & NOT WITHIN. PRISON REBELS EMBRACE THE REBELLIOUS BEHAVIOR & ATTITUDE OF A DRAGON WHILE THEY ARE IN CAPTIVITY, BUT UPON RELEASE OR SHORTLY THERE AFTER, THEY VACILLATE BECAUSE THEIR PROJECTED COMMITMENT WAS NEVER INTENDED TO EXTEND BEYOND PRISON WALLS.

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(MUMIA ABU-JAMAL)

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The Oppressed Are Always In A State Of Legitimate Defence And Are Fully Justified In Rising Without Waiting To Be Actually Fired On; And We Are Fully Aware Of The Fact That Attack Is Often The Best Means Of Defence.

-Errico Malatesta

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TAPES	**QUALITY**					
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ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS FEDERATION UPDATE

JUNE *Any movement that does not support their political internees is a sham movement!- O. Lutalo* ISSUE # 8

Introduction

The 8th Update makes way for 3 new Prisoners Committee members who fill the spots of the founding Committee. Having served a year in May, Ojore, Sundiata and Sekou step down, but not away from the PC. The ABCF thanks especially them for stepping up, accepting our solicitation and having faith in our ability to together, build something worth the effort. One word... Appreciation.

This Update is printed once every two months and a subscription is $15 per year, prisoners subscription is twelve .32¢ postage stamps per year (6 issues). Please make all checks out to NEILA BATELLI and send to NJ ABC- BG

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WORK REPORTS:

Jersey Report *NJ ABC- BG*

We apologize for the length of this report, but a lot of interesting and good things happened we want to share.

Upcoming projects

We recently agreed to start distributing several new pamphlets including "Family Values" and "Until All are Free" by Ray Luc Levasseur, "Global Lords of Poverty" and "Looking at the White Working Class Historically" by David Gilbert and have agreed to start compiling some articles by Dr. Mutulu Shakur into a booklet. The recently available audio tape of the interviews by Bonnie Kerness with Sundiata Acoli and Jalil Muntaqim on Control Units will be transcribed and available in booklet form in the future as well. Dr. Mutulu Shakur and us will also be working on getting several of his taped telephone interviews on tape and ready for sale/distribution with the help of another outside supporter shortly. We continue to let people know about our intentions to publish a biography project similar to Can't Jail the Spirit and have received some submissions already. We are also compiling all the photos and info. for the '97 calendar.

Creating Visibility

Over the last two months we have been doing a lot of traveling from city to city here in the east with our ever growing PP/POW information and merchandise display. We believe that good word about the ABCF is getting around a lot more because we have been able to travel from place to place and set up shop with out problems. People recognize the information and table a lot more and are more often glad to see us and help us, which has been a great help not only for us, but in getting the information on this work out there.

April 13 we traveled to the All State Mumia rally at Wesleyan U in CT. There were between 250 and 300 people there, mostly students from that and other colleges. We sold a reasonable amount of merchandise, but more people took the free information than any-

thing else which is also good. Two college newspapers approached us to do short interviews and though we asked them to please send copies of anything they printed to us, we didn't receive anything if something was printed.

April 20th we went to NJ Coalition Against The Death Penalty rally in Trenton, NJ. We arrived about 30 minutes late and set up shop in the midst of the crowd of about 200-250 people. Performing at the event was $(MC)^3$ Shank. After he energetically and enthusiastically performed his song about Mumia Abu-Jamal, he directed the crowd who really got into it toward our table to buy the "Free Mumia" compilation record that features this song. Our table was swamped and we sold out of all the records we had as well as making a lot of additional sales. He then performed "Man of War," a song he wrote about Prisoner of War, Ojore N. Lutalo who was locked up behind the same walls, razor wire and guard towers we were all standing in front of. It was powerful and many people felt the significance. We raised a lot of money at this event that went into expanding/refilling our stock.

April 27 we went to the National Campaign to Stop Control Unit Prisons control unit hearings in Philadelphia. We sold more merchandise at this event than any other in the past year. People were very interested in the type of information we had and the style in which we put it out. We were able to talk with a lot of people about different things that were happening around the ABCF and answered a lot of questions about our work. This was also the first opportunity we had to meet with all of Lancaster ABC- SG which was also good.

A few days after this we sort of accidentally stumbled across another death penalty event at NYU. Leonard Weinglass and Bobby Seale (among many others) spoke about Mumia and the death penalty. Fortunately we had the whole table still in the trunk from the prior event. The cooperation we received in setting up a table at this event was a real help. There were hundreds of people at the event, maybe more and we again got a lot of free information out as well as raising funds.

May 1st we went to the 10th annual Squatters Mayday celebration in Tompkins Square Park. Lower East Side Class War Organizer sponsored this years event that went off smoothly until the Parks Department overloaded the circuits by cutting the required wattage in half. We spoke briefly at this event and set up the table as we do almost every year. It's always a pleasure to help support our CWO comrades and support the 10 year traditional Squatters Mayday at TSP.

May 3rd we were invited by a member of the Young Socialists to speak at and table a death penalty discussion at Pathfinder books in Newark, NJ. Unfortunately were unable to attend. We apologize.

May 11 we went to Philadelphia to attend/support the MOVE organization in their commemoration of the 1985 bombing of their home and death of many of their family members. We arrived about 30 minutes late but Ramona and Carlos were (as always) very cooperative in finding us space to set up the table and get the information out. At the end of the event we were mobbed and sold a lot of merchandise and gave a lot of information out.

May 25th was a benefit show for NJ ABC and the Paterson Anarchist Collective in Butler, NJ. Severed Lips, an independent recording label and show promoter sponsored the event. Matt went with the lit. table and set up. Few people were interested in anything other than the music but we did make much needed money for our day to day operating expenses.

California Trip

We did a lot of interesting and inspiring things while in CA. Prior to this trip we really had few contacts in the west (outside of PP/POW's!). However, while there we met a lot of very good people who helped us out and tried to help us out a lot. Primarily this was due to our connection with the PP/POW's. They put us in touch with almost everyone we had met. First is Kathy Ryan and Gary Weimberg who we did not even meet but who gave us their apartment for nothing the whole week we were there, purely on the request and recommendation of Dylcia Pagan and Carmen Valentín. It was good to see the word of good people still means something to some people.

While at their apartment we were able to see a very interesting and original promotion for a movie (they are film makers) they are making about Puerto Rican Prisoner of War, Dylcia Pagan and her son Guillermo. It is about Guillermo and his life. At the time

of his mothers arrest for clandestine political activity in support of Puerto Rican independence, he was just over a year old. To protect him from the ruthlessness of U.S. repression he was sent to Mexico to live in exile. There he lived for over a decade without knowing who he or his mother really was, thinking he was a Mexican. When he grew a bit older his Mexican guardians (who he thought were his real parents) explained to him he was Puerto Rican and his mother was living in prison for her efforts to free their country. Guillermo (known in Mexico as Ernesto Gomez Gomez) went to CA where his mother is in prison to "meet" her and begin to develop a relationship. The short promo we saw was very well done and we think this film would be a new and novel way to introduce the realities of political imprisonment and it's deep effects on the imprisoned and their family, to a new and wider audience. Therefore we would like to urge everyone who can afford a .32¢ stamp to send a letter to James Yee of ITVS (Independent Television Service, part of PBS):

James Yee c/o ITVS
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Request ITVS fund the film "**The Double Life of Ernesto Gomez Gomez**" because (as Gary Weimberg suggests) "Puerto Ricans are an undeserved community in the TV industry and this film is a breakthrough and risk taking project." We will be glad to send anyone interested a copy of the promo. If you do want one, send us a blank video tape and $1.90 postage or $2 for a blank tape plus $1.90 to NJ ABC. Send well concealed cash or checks/money orders made out to Neil A. Batelli.

Next we really must thank Nancy Jacot Bell for helping us acquire a car while in CA. It was a tremendous help and we would not have been able to do half of what we did with out it. On the same note we must apologize for missing a meeting with Eerie Materials and people from the Prisoner Activist Resource Center in Berkeley. Had we not had to rent the car on that day at the time we did, we would have been able to make that meeting and possibly record a radio show for Radio Free Berkeley. That was one good opportunity to meet people and do a radio show that we missed out on. We apologize. But Troy of Eerie Materials made a HUGE donation of the previously mentioned "Free Mumia" compilation record and some "Delete the Elite" compilation CD's that was very generous and helpful. We will be adding the record to the catalog.

Troy also hooked us into two foreign reporters form anarchist publications in the Netherlands and Sweden also visiting CA. We did a short interview with the Netherlands reporter and got them both a lot of ABCF-PP/POW information. They said they will be doing articles on what was given and we hope to receive copies to share with everyone.

We also did a radio interview with Kiilu on 93.7 San Francisco Liberation Radio. Her show, "Life is a Constant Struggle" was our first radio interview and though it certainly was rough around the edges on several occasions, we were glad to have the opportunity to be there. Also appearing on the program with us was Ricky Laaman, Ohio-7 Political Prisoner Jaan Laaman's son. Ricky took the opportunity to speak about his father, the United Freedom Front, and what happened to him after their arrest. As an example of the ruthless repression we spoke of earlier in the work report, Ricky was taken by the government and put in a juvenile detention center while he was 3 years old.

Barbara Curzi, formerly an Ohio-7 PP now living in CA also did a lot of work to set up meetings with Jessie and Ann Sadler (thanks for the ride to the airport!) and PP/POW supporters (some of whom supported the O-7 while on trial). We spent a lot of time with Barbara and Ricky talking about what's going on now/then and where we should be going and just hanging out. They, like everyone, were very hospitable to us and it was good to make a solid connection.

We also went to anarchist book/info shops in the area dropping off ABCF literature and merchandise and making new contacts letting people know what the ABCF is up to and how we can help one another.

In the week that we were there we met several women from Out of Control, a radical womans collective and got a chance to touch base with them agreeing keep one another up on activities and projects which was also good.

Visiting PP/POW's

We went on a huge visiting ex-

pedition in the last two months. For no particular reason other than getting things done and needing the chance to sit down and discuss ideas lately. We visited with Jalil Muntaqim twice, Herman Bell and David Gilbert twice, (one time was a joint visit with Athens ABC- SG crew, Neil of NJ ABC- BG, Herman and David), Ojore Lutalo twice, Leon Singletary once and Sundiata Acoli once.

While in CA we were able to visit with Sekou Odinga for the first time in over a year at Lompoc. We did see Japanese PP, Yu Kikumura in the v-room though we didn't talk. Neil also visited Puerto Rican POW, Carmen Valentín 3 times and in those visits got a chance to talk with Marilyn Buck, Laura Whitehorn, Linda Evans, Donna Willmont, and briefly with Lucy Rodriguez, Haydee Torres and Dylcia Pagan (next time Dylcia!). All were very good and Neil appreciated the chance to see all of them!

So much thanks to all of them (Dylcia, Carmen, Linda, Laura, Herman, Jalil and Jaan) who from inside made our trip outside as much fun and productive as it was.

Florida Report *Jacksonville ABC- BG*

The Trial

As you may already know, after the raids we were held in legal limbo on the "criminal mischief" charges. We were waiting for the prosecution to make the next move. Would they drop the charges? Reduce them to misdemeanor? Prosecute felony? While the prosecution debated these options for four months, the statute of limitations ran out for any option besides felony or dropping the charges. They chose to prosecute felony charges on us and we have been in court several times since. We must pay the cost of deposition which is around $1,850. Our lawyer, Tom Bell, moved to have us declared indigent for costs, meaning that the state would have to bear some of the costs of defense. This motion, however, has been denied us even though the reason none of us have money is due to the loss of our jobs as a result of these arrests. This motion will be heard again at our next court date.

At one of our court dates Robert took a photograph of the main prosecutor in the case, Eric Davis. Eric Davis became so enraged beyond belief and had us dragged right back into the courtroom in front of the judge. The judge informed him that there was nothing that could be done about it because there was no law against it, Eric Davis being a public official and there being no ban on cameras in the courthouse. Eric Davis, however, continued to argue the point and in the process called us "a violent hate group that might be threatening my life or my family."

Robert had this to say to a friend about the issue... "We spoke on the phone about how the prosecutor, Eric Davis, has acted and his consistent distortion of the truth worries me. He is the epitome of paranoid. WE are the ones who should be worried about lives being taken or homes being raided. He has no RIGHT to fear us. We have never caused harm to anyone. We have never been associated with any violence or unjust treatment of any individual. THEY, on the other hand, have. THEY are the ones who raided our home, took our things, put guns on US! The only weapons we have ever put on them was a pen and some paper. The only weapons we ever put on them was a camera! We have only tried to educate our community, raise their consciousness, feed the hungry, and expose the truth whenever we can. Our actions have shown us to be of the humanist school of thought. Theirs have shown otherwise."

Food Program

Despite the repression and all of our worries, we have a couple things to celebrate. As of May 1996, the Free Food Program is 1 year old. We have consistently distributed free food and revolutionary literature for one year as of May. We have a lot of regular faces here in the community that have been here since the beginning and we also have a lot of new ones. We have gained respect in the community here and for the most part people sympathize with our plight in the courts and on the streets with cops.

ABCF Web Page

Another thing to celebrate is the posting of the web page. We have a new web page for the Anarchist

Black Cross Federation and it contains information and photos on many of the prisoners as well as information on what we all do in our communities. Please send us updates on what any Branch or Support Group would like listed in their respective category on this page. It is located at **http://www.jaxnet.com/~yamjxabc/index.html**. You can e-mail us at yamjxabc@jaxnet.com

Disturbing the Peace Fest

We were invited to an event at the very end of April called the Disturbing the Peace Fest, which was put on by a lot of local groups in St. Petersburg, FL. A lot of bands played and we defiantly want to give props to a band from Miami called Level 9. They did a lot of songs about Mumia, the IRA, the Black Panthers and Political Prisoners in general. We set up a table there and sold books, pamphlets, T-shirts and gave out a lot of information on PP/POW's. We made a speech there also, supporting PP/POW's and expressing solidarity with the other groups there. AIM was there, Refuse and Resist and a whole lot of other groups throughout the state of FL.

Publishing

Also we have published a copy of the Unabomber's Manifesto "Industrial Society and It's Future." It is nicely bound and has a full color cover. We are selling them for $5 each. We also have a new "Revolutionary Political Dictionary" that will be available through the ABCF catalog.

Power to the People!

—Jax ABC- BG

Pennsylvania Report *Lancaster ABC- SG*

This is our first work report since officially becoming an ABCF support group. We would like to thank NJ ABC for all their help, encouragement and most of all the strong example they have provided.

Community Work

Most of our time and energy has been put into working with Communities Organized Against Police and Penal Repression (COAPP), a formation that came together this past January to demand an investigation into the death of John Mutunga, a young black man from NJ. Mutunga was found hanging in his jail cell some 30 minutes after police had arrested him on alleged weapons charges. COAPP collected petitions calling on the district attorney to convene a coroners inquest. After a strong amount of pressure from the community, the DA agreed to the inquest. Nobody was surprised when the jury found the police not guilty of any misconduct. Mutunga's father has filed a law suit against the police.

COAPP has also been waging a campaign to get Lancaster's racist anti-drug loitering law repealed and to have an independent civilian review board to monitor police misconduct. Initial work involved collecting petitions by going door to door, documenting police abuse on video tape, and organizing people to attend city council meetings. After a few weeks of continually pressing our demands, city council agreed to have a special public hearing. COAPP presented video and oral testimony. To no one's surprise city council voted to keep the law and would not even consider the review board proposal, they did call for police sensitivity training which was seen as a public relations trick. We did get the support from one city councilman who has become our voice in city government.

Since then COAPP has turned towards internal structuring by creating committees to do legal research, develop a newsletter and fund raising. We recently raised money through a sweet potato pie sale, which enabled us to buy a video camera and fund the first issue of the newsletter. Within the next couple of weeks, we're going to start copwatch patrols where we will try to videotape police abuse and possibly intervene if the situation requires. So things are developing on this front, if anyone wants any of the news clippings or COAPP documents, drop us a line, we'll send them to you.

PP/POW Work

Most of our efforts so far have been in raising awareness about Mumia's struggle. Our work with COAPP has given us the opportunity to distribute information regarding Mumia to an ever growing network of people. May 16th we organized a video program about Mumia at the Crispus Attucks Center, which is a homeless shelter and Black community

center. Despite a low turnout we made contact with several new people who have expressed interest in doing work. Out of this we decided, in conjunction with some COAPP members, to start showing Mumia video's at people's homes. Basically people will open their homes and invite neighbors to watch the video and then have discussion and try to connect it with the situation locally with COAPP and the police. Our first program of this kind is scheduled for May 31st.

We've also started to organized people to attend the July 4th rally for Mumia in Philadelphia. We tried to bring people with us to the April 27th Control Unit Hearings in Philadelphia, but were unsuccessful in that effort.

April 11th, we with two local college students handed out leaflets at the Lancaster County Democratic Party Dinner which featured Philadelphia mayor Ed Rendell. We pointed out Rendell's crimes against the MOVE organization, and gave information out about MOVE Political Prisoners and Mumia. Our efforts were cut short when the owner of the restaurant asked us to leave his property. We argued briefly, then decided to leave due to our lack of numbers and most people had entered the restaurant for the event. We realized that we should have been more militant and uncompromising in our conduct at this event.

In addition to contributing money to the Warchest on a monthly basis, we sent money to Carmen Valentín, Jaan K. Laaman and Ojore N. Lutalo in response to appeals in Jersey Anarchist. We haven't maintained consistent contact with any of the PP/POW's so far but we plan on working on this real soon.

That's about it for now, we'll keep everybody informed as things develop here.

Maine Report *Athens ABC- SG*

Our gardens are coming along nicely. We will be brining MOVE down fresh veggies at the end of the summer or early fall. Homesteading and living without technology takes lots of time but it is worth it. The less we participate in this rotten-ass system we live under the stronger we become. Momma Nature gives us strength. This is something our enemy will never understand. Resistance.

We have started to do solidarity work with the United American Indians of New England. UAINE is a militant Native American group dedicated to eradicating all forms of oppression. We attended a meeting with UAINE on April 13th at Lucy Parsons center in Boston. We attended the UAINE demo for Leonard Pelteir at Post Office Square in Boston on May 10th. We look forward to working more with our native brothers and sisters. We will continue to try and attend upcoming UAINE events.

It's hard to believe but we now have a radio program. A four hour show once a week. It's gonna be very political. Music will be punk/hardcore/hip-hop and anything else we wanna play. Of course we will be educating people about Political Prisoners. We'll be playing tapes of speeches by MOVE, Assata Shakur, Dhoruba Bin Wahad, and others. Other ideas include a copwatch, Animal/Earth liberation news and in studio interviews. Any music or political speeches anybody wants over the air, send it to us. The radio show is called Black Cat Radio. This is a summer project. Our first guest will be a member of the Boston Coalition to Abolish Fur Trade. CAFT is a militant animal rights group. We recently attended an action CAFT organized in Boston. The action took place at Macy's. There were two arrests and pretty good attendance. We support the struggle for animal liberation.

We tabled at the New England Vegetarian Conference at Brown Univ. in Providence RI. We tabled for ALF (Animal Liberation Front) Support Group. Literature was sold to help imprisoned ALF warriors. We also tabled at a straight-edge, hardcore show. We had PP info and Earth/Animal Liberation info. Of course the First Day paper MOVE puts out. MOVE is right on!

We continue to write prisoners and send stamps, pictures, info when we can. We have continued to visit Herman Bell and bring him food. He is a righteous bro.! We also met David Gilbert.

We banned the spraying of pesticides/herbicides in our town at a town meeting. The vote was 19-1.

PROPOSALS:

NJ War Tax Proposal

NJ ABC proposes that we deduct a monthly war(chest) tax on funds that come into the warchest, so that it becomes a self-sufficient program.

For the last 19 or 20 months, NJ ABC has paid the costs of operating/promoting the Warchest out of their pockets. e.g. paying for the actual money orders and postage of the Warchest checks, and answering the many letters we get requesting funds from ineligible applicants, printing of promotional literature, etc... We believe this was necessary to build some kind of foundation of stability.

Right now, every dollar coming in for the warchest goes to a PP/POW, or gets put in the Warchest account, nothing is used for anything else.

However, now that funds come in regularly from a still small but solid group, and other irregular funds come in fairly often, we think that if we do take a proposed 6% the total funds collected each month, we will be able to:

1) Pay for all Warchest money orders and postage to send them, totaling about $1.20 each times at least four every month.

2) Pay for the postage of all Warchest applications that get mailed to social prisoners who hear about the fund and request we send them money.

3) Better promote the program which will likely expand it and

4) Free a considerable amount of NJ ABC's collective funds to build other projects (with the hopes of them becoming self-sufficient as well.)

LETTERS:

Right on! I can contribute...

4-15-96

Greetings Comrade Neil (NJ ABC),

I received your letter and ABCF April Update (issue #7). Neil, I believed I sent ABCF acknowledgement of your material a few months ago explaining that I whole heatedly supported your efforts and organizing structure.

It was clear to me that strong comrades with clear minds and experiences were directly involved in the development which meant things were going to be principled... Right on to the success. I congratulate the prisoners committee, the warchest and the catalog list.

What I could do is try to contribute tapes and writing to be a part of the booklet list. Clearly it would depend on building these items to distribution form. I will submit pieces of writing now for your opinion as to the packaging. I'm still working on the tape. I have about 6 interviews on various radio stations around the country I thought would be good. I'm now trying to find resources for transcription, after that, editing. They should be enlightening on the New Afrikan struggle in the 60's, 70's etc., provided we, with your ability or willingness to catalog such items.

Comrades, at this point I have 2 court cases concerning the Federal BOP treatment of PP/POW's both in Washington DC. One is the Freedom of Information Act Suit and the 1331-1985 civil action both before the same judge which I believe will eventually lead to trial, the third case is the NY Fed. District Suit of Conspiracy by the CIA/FBI and New York City board and New York City police with Federal United States attorney office who conspired to deprive me of COINTELPRO files which would have probation to my trial. My codefendant was Marilyn Buck.

So I've been quite busy doing what I can to continue to push my attorney and recruit attorneys for the project, at this point, I only need attorneys to assist in the New York City civil Federal suit.

Making people aware of these cases and how they impact on the movement will encourage spirited discussion and tactical direction from other comrades and supporters, and hopefully give us as a movement a platform to expose the repression and continuity of

COINTELPRO (Counter Intelligence Program).

As for the funds raised from the T-shirts and calendars, I truly need at this time for financial help and support, my legal xerox and mailing is costing me. My mother is blind and alone and I'd like to send her something for mothers day- or just because she is my mother who taught me what self determination is. Thank the Anarchist Black Cross Federation for the money. I will send my mother a gift she sure could use... It's true, every day is mothers day, my blind mother has never felt that I was not to do what must be done for the struggle.

Please give my respect and regards to all the comrades, let them know that truly I'm struggling here at Florence ADX and that they have not killed the spirit. In fact the flames are getting hotter.

Much respect, stiff resistance

Dr. Mutulu Shakur
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Florence CO 81226

Mutulu

We have set an example

5-23-96

Greetings ABCF & supporters,

I've come to the end of my term as PC member of the ABCF. It's been an honor and pleasure to serve on the PC and to be a part of a program that provides consistent financial and political support to PP/POW's with no strings attached, nor hidden agenda's, other than the PP/POW being of upright character and in need of support.

Although we've dealt primarily with PP/POW financial support, i think we have set an example and created a model that can be emulated in other situations by other diverse radical, religious, sexual and political groups, in order to unite on common goals.

And last, i can't praise Matt and Neil (NJ ABC) enough for their steadfast, ***principled*** leadership, and just as importantly for their consistent hard work, in the creation of the day to day running of the ABCF and it's PP/POW support program. They have nothing but my highest respect, trust and love, and much the same to the various ABCF groups and people whose support makes the PP/POW support programs possible.

My best to all of you as I step down but not away from the PC and as I continue my relationship hence forth in a regular capacity.

Sundiata Acoli
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Sundiata

A Guide here in the 90's

4-15-96

Dear Neil,

I received your large mailing tonight. I've been wanting to call you for a while.I'll get to you soon.

As you see I'm enclosing a photocopy of the "Build a Revolutionary Resistance Movement" book. Are you familiar with it? Even more than the PP/POW bio. book, this book is very hard to find these days. It should be out there in a big way. I'm raising the idea of reprinting it... the idea of doing it with covers and newsprint inside, like a comix, is good, especially if it means we could do it cheaply and get a lot of copies out.

Besides being a history book, it answers some of those exact questions you spoke about, that people wanted to know about PP/POW's. Why folks are in captivity, what makes a person a PP/POW, what did these people do? And of course most importantly, this book can serve as an educational- instructional guide here in the 90's. To sum it up, i've seen and read a lot of literature in the past 10 plus years and without taking anything away from any of this, this comms. book is the best reading I've seen in all of this time.

OK, so check it out and lets think about doing it again. I would

be very willing to write a new or additional preface or introduction to a new edition.

I think the people you spoke of (Bill Dunne, Carmen Valentín, Marilyn Buck) for the PC would be very good- i'd be pleased to be a part of that group, (as pleased as i am to be part of the comrades of the PC now)...

Doing an audio tape/phone interview is a positive idea. Give me some ideas of how you see it- what areas and topics- what to stress— even some of the technical issues.

Yea, about the t-shirt, I was thinking about that, you know, wondering if i wanted to. I guess i do and i'll get you a photo or two soon. As you see from the book, the UFF (United Freedom Front) certainly did have a logo, so we can think of a good back for it.

It's nice to see all this literature, brochures, newsletters etc. that you all are doing. One nagging problem though— you do pretty poor editorial proofing- typos, misspellings, sometimes words left out type of thing. I don't want to make a lot out of this, but it does detract from the content and it is a problem that could be corrected without too much work. Even the calendar has this problem. So especially as we are printing more material, redoing the bios and maybe the comms. book, we should try to tighten this up.

Take good care bro.! Amandla

Jaan K. Laaman
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Leavenworth, KS 66048

Jaan

Unmitigated Misery

Salut Neil, (NJ ABC)

Received your 4-11 kite with various enclosures. I've been in Ad-seg since 3-19, being slapped on the wrist for disrespecting the wardens chief flunky. On March 27th I had a disciplinary hearing and got 30 days disciplinary segregation and 30 days loss of phone. I should get out April 27, unless they drop the other shoe...

Feel free to copy and distribute Family Values (but please include the "all rights reserved" stipulation. 60% of the proceeds sounds fine to me, (I've never made a nickel from anything I've written) but I'll settle for less if you need more to cover your overhead...

The Fed Updates Jacksonville report (ABCF Update #7) struck a cord with it's criticism of those failing to provide support and otherwise distancing themselves from those under attack. I think all of us captured for armed resistance activities have experienced this sort of thing in a profound way.

I was released from disciplinary Seg. on April 26. The following day I was lugged back to seg. on another shot. This one was so transparently bogus that the disciplinary committee dismissed and expunged it (a new experience for me!) I was released from seg. on May 1. Two words describe what's happening in the ADX hole- unmitigated misery.

Venceramos,

Ray Luc Levasseur
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Florence, CO 81226-8500

Ray

"Hey, you, don't forget!"

Send a letter to James Yee of ITVS (Independent Television Service, part of PBS), Request ITVS fund the film "The Double Life of Ernesto Gomez Gomez" because (as Gary Weimberg suggests) *"Puerto Ricans are an undeserved community in the television industry and this film is a breakthrough and risk taking project."*

We'll send anyone interested a copy of a 10 minute promotional tape released to raise support for the film. Send us a blank video tape (or $2 for a blank tape) plus $1.90 to NJ ABC. Send well concealed cash or checks/postal money orders made out only to Neil A. Batelli. Send letters to: JAMES YEE C/O - ITVS190 5TH ST. EAST - ST. PAUL, MN 55101

ABCF PHOTOS TAKEN

A small photo journal of our activities in

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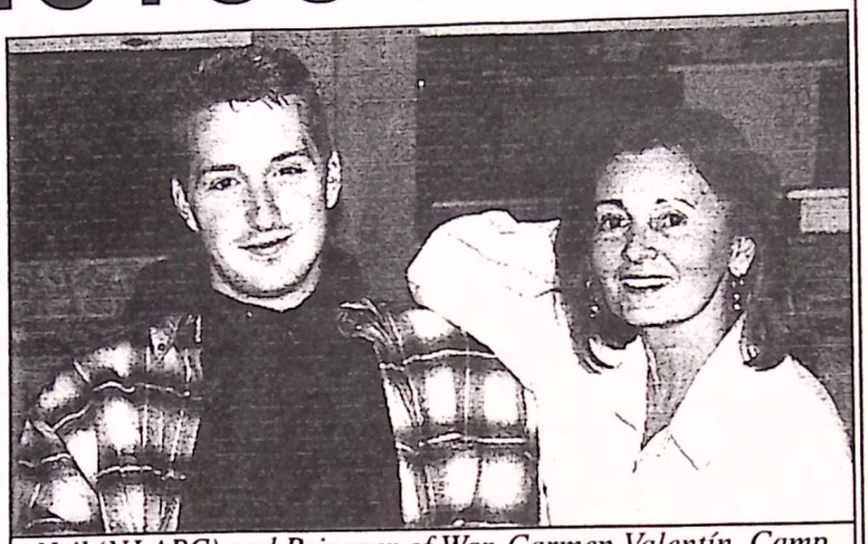
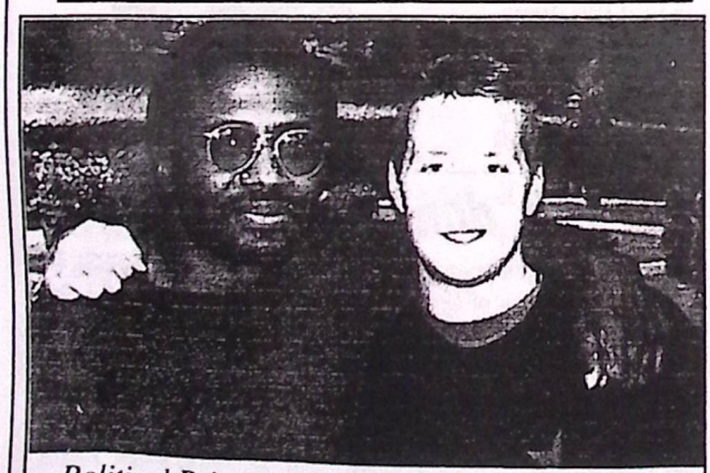


Neil (NJ ABC) and Prisoner of War, Carmen Valentín, Camp Parks, CA 5-17-96

Tim (Lancaster ABC) speaks as COAPP member at Lancaster City Council meeting

Rob & Lauren (Jax ABC) with uninvited escorts (pigs) at Disturbing the Peace St. Petersburg, FL



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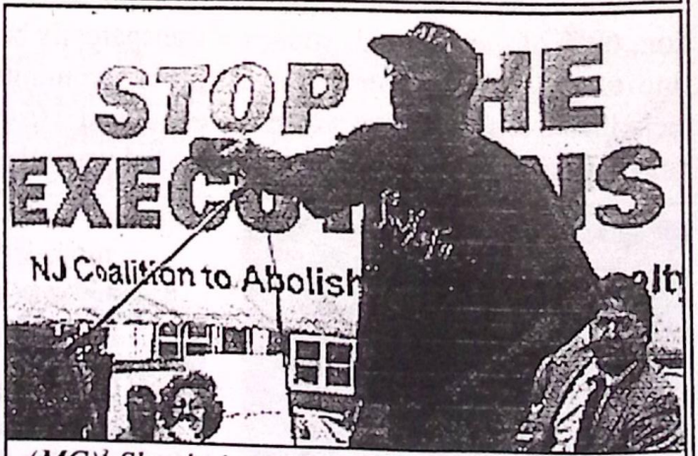

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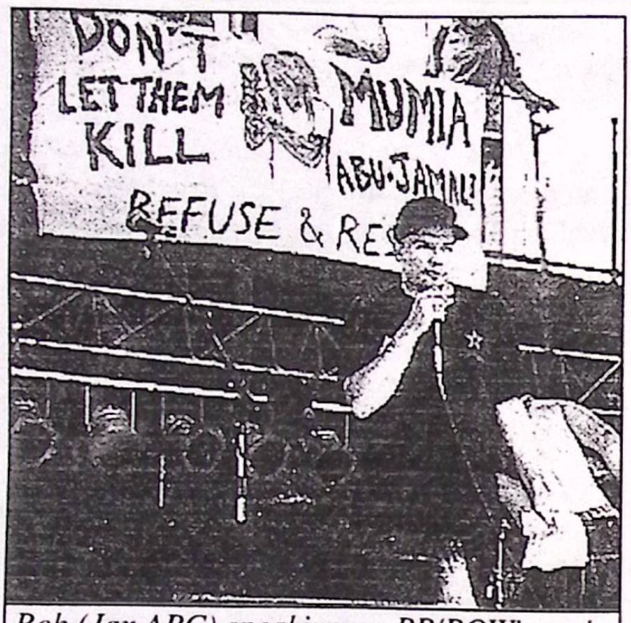
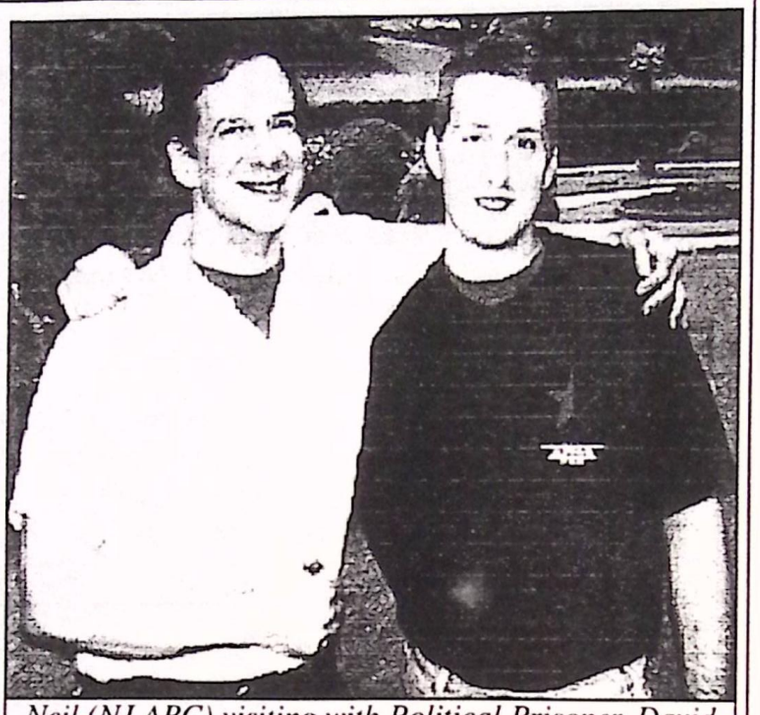
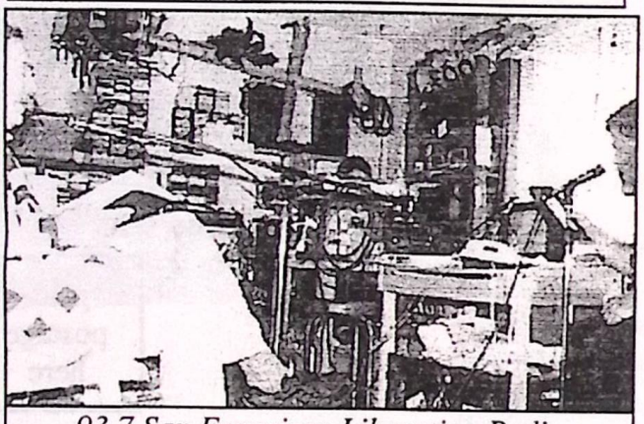


Rob (Jax ABC) speaking on PP/POW's at the "Disturbing the Peace" rally & concert, St. Petersburg, FL, 4-96

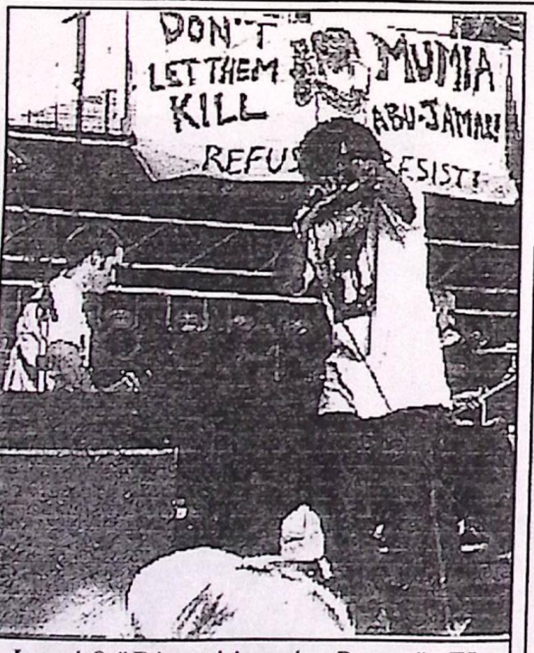


Neil (NJ ABC) visiting with Political Prisoner, David Gilbert, Comstock NY (Great Meadows), 5-22-96



93.7 San Francisco Liberation Radio

L to R: Neil (NJ ABC) Political Prisoner, Jalil Muntaqim, Evon, Mathias (NJ ABC) 4-28-96



Level 9 "Disturbing the Peace", FL

This spot was supposed to be saved for a photo of NJ ABC's visit with POW, Sundiata Acoli. However it was misplaced at USP Allenwood, so we'll print it next time. BG's, SG's, supporters, send in photo's of what your doing in support of your community, the ABCF and PP/POW's.

To Contribute to the Update:

This Update will come out by the first week of every other month. If you have something you want in, please mail it to NJ ABC- BG at the address below. Send a typed copy to the P.O. Box below, other acceptable forms include Mac or PC disks. The strict deadline for the next issue is July 29th. Please, when typing, ONE space after a period, NO indents. Thanks.

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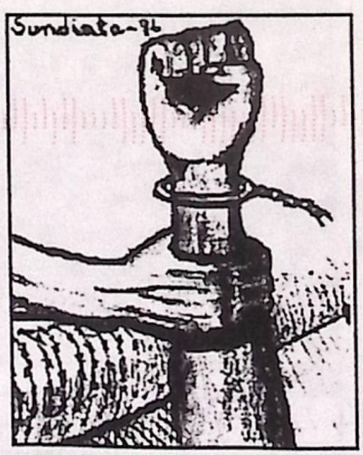


We might remember that they're there, but what are we gonna do about it?

WARCHEST FINANCIAL REPORT

#6 From May to June, 1996

The War Chest Program

The War Chest program was initiated in November 1994. It's purpose is to collect monthly funds from groups and individual supporters, and send that money into Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (P.P./P.O.W.) via monthly checks.

Collecting Money

We are consolidating efforts going on around the country in support of P.P./P.O.W.'s in order to substantially aid such prisoners. There are many such efforts going on. We are usually small in number and finance, so it is usually difficult to meet the material needs of the P.P./P.O.W.'s we are supporting. By and large, we are all small pockets of resistance. However, we are also part of a much larger struggle. P.O.W. Ojore Lutalo has said, Our enemy is consolidating their efforts against us, we have to do the same. One way this is done is through collecting monthly donations from groups or individuals. Many of us can not afford more than $5, $10, or $20 per month. Alone, this does not amount to much. But, if we pool our resources, if we all gave that amount to one "Warchest", we are able to make progress. The success we have had thus far attests to this. As of July 1995, we are sending $60 checks each month to 4 P.P./P.O.W.'s. With your support this will increase.

Where Does This Money Go?

With the help of Ojore N. Lutalo, Sundiata Acoli, Sekou Odinga and associates, we compiled a list of P.P./P.O.W.'s who we all suspected were in need of financial assistance. We also asked those P.P./P.O.W.'s to add names they suspected were in need and so on and so on. With the those we came up with, we asked the P.P./P.O.W.'s on the list who was in the most need of funds or who was receiving the least financial/material support. Once we learned who was in the most need we sent the checks out to these people in order of need. The prisoner who receives the check uses the funds in whatever way s/he wishes.

Warchest and Emergency Fund

All funds that collected are consolidated. We ask that people make six or twelve month commitments. This enables everyone to know just how much we can expect each month from regular contributors. These monthly funds from regular contributors get sent regularly to the P.P./P.O.W.'s. Those people who can not make such commitments, but still want to contribute are irregular contributors. The money from irregular contributors go into the Emergency Fund. The idea is that, though we can not rely on that money every month to send to a prisoner, it can be used in emergency situations. For instance, Jalil Bottom (New York 3 Political Prisoner) was transferred to Attica and lost his belongings including his coat and gloves in the dead of winter. We were able to purchase these items for him from the money that was collected from irregular contributors.

Please find inside bi-monthly and year to date financial documentation as well as the prisoners addresses who received the money. We encourage people to write to these prisoners and hold us accountable to our claims.★

"Here we remain, yesterday's urban guerillas, abandoned in captivity" -O. Lutalo

"Support Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War"

FUNDS COLLECTED:

	'94	'95	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
NJ ABC	120	645	60	60	60	60	60	60						
Bronx ABC	180	940	80	80	60	60	60							
DC ABC		500	30		20									
Milw ABC		340	50		50		50	50						
Jax ABC		60	20	20	10	10	20	20						
Monct ABC		40	10	10	10	10	10							
Mpls ABC		165	50		50	50	50	50						
Miranda E		220	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20				
JEAP		220	20	20	20	20	20	20						
Lncstr ABC		220	20	20	20	20	30	30						
Colin S		80	20		50									
Derik M	3	5												
Mike N		10												
Dan A		5												
Troy E		120	20	20	20	20								
Sam N		120	20	20	20		20	20						
Melisa F		40												
Liveright		20												
Athens ABC		60			20	10	200							
L. Marie		20												
SAFC		40	20	20	20	20	20	20						
Jason S		40												
BCC		10	5	5		5	5	5						
Maccanon		9	5	5	5	5	5	5	5					
McIntosh		6												
4th Wrd	20													
Fundraiser	28					213		400						
Bill A			2											
Niki F			13											
Chris A				45	50	50	50							
Jahi				20										
Ruth G.					5	5	5							
Michael N						20								
Mpls ARA							10							

FUNDS SENT OUT:

*Emergency Fund	'94	'95	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Sekou Odinga	120	720	60	60	60	60	60							
Cinque Magee		660	60	60	60	60	60							
Kojo Sababu		660	60	60										
Herman Bell		240		60		60	60							
Marilyn Buck		120	60		60									
Ricardo Jimenez					60	60	60							
Ojore Lutalo		171*	100*											
Jalil Muntaqin		100*												
Sundiata Acoli		50*												
Carmen Valentin		75*					10*							
Jaan Laaman			100*											
Jax ABC			450*											
David Gilbert							50*							

Funds Collected May/June 1996

MAY:

Regular:	$570
Irregular:	$ 80
Total:	$650

JUNE:

Regular:	$250
Irregular:	$405
Total:	$655

May/June Totals:

May:	$ 650
June:	$ 655
Total In:	$1305

Funds Sent Out May/June:

MAY:

Monthly Checks:	$240
Emergency Fund:	$ 60
Total:	$300

JUNE:

Monthly Checks:	$240
Emergency Fund:	$ 0
Total:	$240

May/JuneTotals:

May:	$300
June:	$240
Total Out:	$540

Grand Totals:

FUNDS IN:

From 1994:	$ 351
From 1995:	$3935
From 1996:	$3338
Total Funds In:	$7624

SENT OUT:

From 1994:	$ 120
From 1995:	$2796
From 1996:	$2250
Total Funds Out:	$5166

IN EMERGENCY FUND:

Total Sent In:	$7624
Total Sent Out:	$5166
Emergency Fund:	$2458

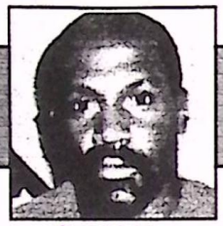
Sekou Odinga 05228-054
3901 Klien Blvd.
Lompoc CA, 93436
Receiving $60 per month since November '94

Ruchel Cinque Magee
Box 7500 / A2-205 / #A92051
Crecent City, CA 95531
Receiving $60 per month since February '95

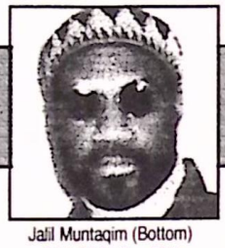
Herman Bell
79C0262 / Box 51
Comstock, NY 12821
Receiving $60 every other month since July '95

Marilyn Buck 00482-285
5701 8th St. Camp Parks A
Dublin, CA 94568
Receiving $60 every other month since Sept. '95

Ricardo Jimenez
88967-024 / Box 1000
Lewisburg, PA 17837
Receiving $60per month since March '96



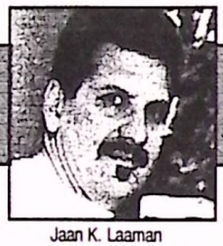
Ojore N. Lutalo
59860 / CN-861
Trenton, NJ 08625
Received $171 Jan 95/$100 Jan 96 Emr. Fund



Jalil Muntaqim (Bottom)
77A4283 / Box 500
Elmira, NY 14902
Received $50 Feb. & Aug. '95 Emr. Fund.

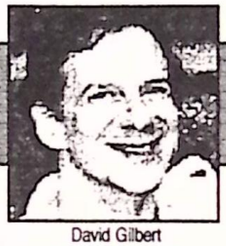
Sundiata Acoli (Squire)
39794-066 / Box 3000
White Deer, PA 19887
Received $50 of Emergency Funds Sept. '95

C. Valentin 88974-024
5701 8th St. Camp Prks
Dublin, CA 94568
Received $75 of Emergency Funds Oct. '95



Jaan K. Laaman
10372-016 / Box 1000
Leavenworth, KS 66048
Received $100 of Emergency Funds Jan. '96

Jacksonville ABC- SG
Suite 20 3628 Park St.
Jacksonville, FL 32205
Received $450 of Emergency Funds Jan. '96



David Gilbert
83A6158 / Box 51
Comstock, NY 12821-0051
Received $50 of Emergency Funds March '96

★ Support the War Chest Program ★

NJ ABC, through an ABC Federation, has initiated a program designed to send monthly checks into those Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no support during their imprisonment. We currently are able to support 3 prisoners by sending them checks every month, and 2 every other month. There is also an Emergency Fund designed to send one time checks to those PP/POW's in need of emergency assistance. We have been able to maintain this since November '94. With guidance from the prisoners, a list of other PP/POW's who are in great need of this type of support is being made. Though still small, the ***"War Chest"*** program is having an impact. As Sekou Odinga (a POW currently receiving a monthly check) writes, ***"Thanks much for the support you've been organizing, I really appreciate it. After not having any or very little support for so long, it now seems like (people) have all of a sudden realized that I am alive."*** We ask that you endorse this program by giving any monthly or one time donation to this effort to increase the number of prisoners being supported monthly. A financila report is published that documents all money received and the prisoners it was sent to. The prisoners addresses are also printed so that endorsers may write and hold us accountable.

Name:_____ Phone #:_____

Street Address:_____

City/State/Zip:_____

❑ ONE TIME DONATION ❑ MONTHLY SUPPORTER

If you'll be a monthly supporter, please check one of the following:

❑ I'LL COMMIT TO 6 MONTHS ❑ I'LL COMMIT TO 1 YEAR AMOUNT $ _____

Checks to CASH only:
NJ ABC- BG
P.O. Box 8532
Paterson, NJ 07508-8532
Contact # 201-357-0994

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISONERS OF WAR

"It takes more than wishful thinking, freedom demands action, action breaks the chains, but it has a price, I'm willing to pay it, are you?"

-Carmen Valentín

ABCF
BOX 8532
PATERSON, NJ 07508-8532
201-357-0994

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ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS FEDERATION UPDATE

APRIL, 1997 *Any movement that does not support their political internees is a sham movement!- O. Lutalo* ISSUE # 13

Introduction

The terms Political Prisoner and Prisoner of War (PP/POW) are used in this update and all other ABCF material to describe those prisoners that fit the below criteria

Political Prisoner: A person incarcerated for actions carried out in support of legitimate struggles for self determination or for opposing the illegal policies of the United States government and/or its political subdivisions. (Special International Tribunal on the Violation of Human Rights of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War in the United States Prisons and Jails, December, 1990)

Prisoner of War: Those combatants struggling against colonial and alien domination and racist regimes captured as prisoners are to be accorded the status of prisoner of war and their treatment should be in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Conventions Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War. (August 12, 1949, General Assembly Resolution 3103 [XXVIII])

The ABCF is:

PRISONERS COMMITTEE:

Carmen Valentín
88974-024 / Unit A
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Dublin, CA 94568

Jalil Muntaqim
77A4283 / Box 339
Napanoch, NY
12458

Marilyn Buck
00482-283 / Unit A
5701 8 St Camp Parks
Dublin, CA 94568

Ricardo Jiménez
88967-024 / Box 1000
Lewisburg, PA
17837-1000

Bill Dunne
10916-086 / Box 1000
Marion, IL
62959

BRANCH GROUPS:

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P.O. Box 8532
Paterson, NJ
07508-8532

Jacksonville ABC- BG
3628 Park St. #20
Jacksonville, FL
32205

SUPPORT GROUPS:

Moncton ABC- SG
P.O. Box 25103
Moncton, NB Canada
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Lancaster ABC- SG
P.O. Box 891
Lancaster, PA
17608

Athens ABC- SG
Rfd #1 / P.O. Box 6025
Athens, ME
04912

WORK REPORTS:

Maine Report *Athens ABC- SG*

Greetings to all in the struggle. We are all healthy and hope the same for all of you. It seems there's been some trouble with our report of two issues ago (Update #10) getting to you. We were sorry that our update wasn't reported, but fell that it is the USPS inadequacies and further noticed our last two money orders to the Warchest were not recorded. Again, USP (dis)s. Although this is disappointing we need to follow up on correcting the situation. This Update will be going back in time, so bear with us, please.

Rural-Urban Food Drive

As you may remember, we had a project going for a food delivery to the MOVE organization. The project went very well, and besides educating rural folks in our area about MOVE and Mumia, we were able to organize great food donations from local organic farmers/neighbors/friends in the area, and deliver a half ton of food to Philly this past October. The food was very well received and we were too. The effort was righteous and well worth it. We have already started planning this years gardens. We still have 3' of snow here, but don't let the elements get in the way of our efforts.

UAINE Demo.

This past November a member of Athens ABC went to Plymouth Mass. for the annual "Pilgrims Progress March." The march is disrupted by the United American Indians of New England each year. The annual event has taken place since the 70's. UAINE protesters blockaded the march, totally shutting the event down. The profiteers and tourists were very pissed, it really messed up their 'mis'givings day celebration. Good job!

Mumia March on Wall St.

December took us to NYC to the March on Crime [Wall] St. for Mumia. It was cold, but we don't mind. Numbers count at these

events and we understand what a small sacrifice this is when it comes to political prisoners. The evening was good, later that day at an open mic. night with poets and music by Critical Mass. Critical Mass of NJ are right on!

Visiting PP's

Monthly visits with Herman Bell and a visit with Herman and David Gilbert has also happened in January.

We would like to encourage people to look into delivering food packages to PP/POW's. The food packages are a way we can lend support to our captured comrades. Food packages are not only appreciated by the PP's because it lends variety to their lives, it gives them the option of rejecting the crap often served in the institution, and saves them money, and helps them to reject the co. stores profit. The profits the prison industry makes off the captured is obscene, so lets help our people in rejecting the system when we can. Prison food sucks, check on what the rules are regarding food, packaging, number per month, and be sure to check out what raw foods are acceptable.

Another small project that we dreamed up, that we kind of like is delivering used books. Any kind (well, just about) novels, westerns, suspense, just about anything but Harlequin romances. Light reading can be relaxing some time. The books go in, the PP/POW goes through them, keeps what she/he might want, and puts the rest out 'for grabs.' This may encourage reading within the system and less people watching cop shows. Listening to "top-cop" must be a real drag for our comrades trying to get some real gun. We have had good feedback on this. So, if you can get used books in- try it.

NY3 Stickers

Our NY3 bumper stickers have been selling. We still have some left (a few). They are $1 each, all proceeds are split 3 ways with Nuh, Herman and Jalil. Please order and send a .32¢ stamp for postage or a S.E.S.A. We have some of these bumper stickers out for sale in a bookstore, but would like to get more in bookstores and info. shops. Please help us do this, write with any info. regarding a place that might be willing to help out.

We are trying to get some cash to do a bumper sticker campaign for Ojore Lutalo also. This is an upcoming project, but just wanted to get the word out to you all.

Fund raiser

An upcoming project we would like to make you all aware of is a fund raiser for the ABCF's righteous Warchest Program. The event will be a punk-hardcore show in Boston. "Tree" is a major contributor to fund raisers. They are a Boston hardcore band, and we have worked with them in the past on other fund raising events. Check with us about tapes and CD's, if you like hardcore, you'll love Tree!

There, now we are caught up! Keep up the good work everyone, until next issue we are with you in the struggle, struggling!

In Solidarity & with Love
Athens ABC

Pennsylvania Report *Lancaster ABC- SG*

Greetings to all ABCF collectives, political prisoners and prisoners of War. Hope everyone is continuing in good health and spirits as we struggle through the last days of this dreary winter weather.

Mail Accountability

The last few months have been relatively quiet here in Lancaster. Most activity has been through answering mail from those on the outside, as well as those on the inside, inquiring about the ABCF and the issue of PP/POW's in general. One thing I've been focusing on is the timely response to inquiries regarding the work of the ABCF. A recent letter from a politically conscious prisoner mentioned his frustration with trying to receive information from several ABC groups (he didn't specify which ones) and never receiving a reply. So responsibility and commitment are one aspect of the struggle which Lancaster ABC-SG hopes to maintain as we continue our work.

Visit with Maroon

One positive thing recently was the opportunity to visit with New African POW, Russell 'Maroon' Stoats in February. Maroon is maintaining his strong spirit after 25 years of imprisonment, all of except for a few years, have been in various control units throughout the Pennsylvania prison system. Despite it being under restricted conditions, it was a great visit and hopefully won't be the last time.

Control Unit Monitoring

Through our work with Maroon, we've also developed new contacts with other politically conscious prisoners in the control unit at SKI -Greene. Through this we realize that we need to put more of an effort into the struggle against control units. Within the coming months, hopefully we'll be able to start monitoring some of the units in the area on a consistent basis.

That sums it up for now here, until next report, take good care everyone, as always, in struggle,

Tim
Lancaster ABC-SG

New Jersey Report *NJ ABC- BG*

California Trip

In early February Neil went out to the CA Bay Area. Fortunately, the trip coincided with the San Francisco opening of Art and Writing Against the Death Penalty Art Show. He was able to set up the ABCF table. The participants of the well attended event took an interest in the merchandise that for the most part has only been distributed on the east coast. The art show itself appeared to be quite a success with many of the pieces being displayed being marked 'sold' on the opening night. There were many new pieces being sold since the last art show collective members attended. Aside from the art show, visiting with PP/POW's at FCI Dublin and informal meetings with PP/POW activists in the Bay Area, the trip was a much needed rest from an otherwise busy schedule. We'd again like to thank Barbara Curzi who gave Neil a place to stay while out west, and who was a most excellent hostess! Thanks!!

Interviews

NJ ABC has had the opportunity and good fortune to be featured in a couple more interviews in the last couple months. We would like to thank POW, Sundiata Acoli and PP, Marilyn Buck who forwarded supportive letters (see later in the Update) to Maximum Rock-n-Roll in response to their printing a good interview with NJ ABC several months ago.

Disorderly Conduct, an anarcho-punk zine printed an interview with NJ ABC recently. If you've received this in the mail, we've enclosed copies. Send encouraging letters to: Disorderly Conduct / Box 73 / Odenton, MD 21113.

Lastly, the Polish anarchist magazine Inny ´Swiat ran a good interview with NJ ABC. We've enclosed copies of this in the mailing too. We are providing the english translation for those of us who can't read Polish.

Two alternative music bands are releasing a compilation CD soon and contacted us to conduct interviews with some PP/POW's. We'll interview Carmen Valentín, Dylcia Págan and Ojore Lutalo. These interviews will be pressed onto the CD and played after, or in between the music. The CD insert will also contain information on Carmen, Dylcia and Ojore and writings of POW Ojore Lutalo and prison activist Bonnie Kerness. The CD will also contain information about and be a benefit for the ABCF and Warchest Program.

We hope this exposure turns into further interest, support and defense of American PP/POW's.

Political Debate

We recently were involved in a political debate with a prisoner in TX that was made semi-public. Many of you may have seen it. For those who have not, issues at the center of the debate involved who a PP/POW is, principled procedures PP/POW supporters should follow in obtaining documentation of prisoners claiming to be PP/POW's, what constitutes documentation and others. We circulated the letters of the debate among nearly 50 diverse PP/POW's and supporters to be critiqued. The great majority of the responses were in favor of positions taken by NJ ABC and the policies of the ABCF. The only critique offered to us was that our initial letter was too vague and thus left too much to question. This was picked up by a couple of those responding. To correct this, we will be drafting a letter to send to prisoners claiming to be PP/POW's and seeking ABCF support. The letter will be a compilation of all the letters in the debate and discussions we've had with those critiquing it. If you'd like to see a copy of the letters (17 pages in total), send $1 to NJ ABC.

Publishing

"We Want Our Freedom Anyway; On PP/POW's, Human Rights and Control Units," by Dr.

Mutulu Shakur is completed and now available for $2 plus .50¢ postage. We will be republishing several more pamphlets by PP/POW's soon and have a serious backlog of things to be published. Some have been waiting for far too long, and we hope to be able to be printing more titles with less of a wait in the future. We have begun to distribute two new titles recently republished by comrades at Moncton ABC- SG. "Pre Sentence Allocation of Bill Dunne" and "Why Anti-Authoritarian" by Larry Giddings are once again available through us or Moncton ABC. Contact either for more info.

Visiting

Since Update #12 NJ ABC members visited Jalil Muntaqim twice, once with a food package. Herman Bell once, Ricardo Jiménez once, and while in CA, Neil visited Carmen Valentín several times. On those visits, he had the opportunity to meet briefly with Ida Luz and Alicia Rodríguez, Dylcia Págan, Laura Whitehorn and Linda Evans. We brought two food packages to Ojore Lutalo since the last Update. We agree with Athens about bringing PP/POW's food packages.

Forever In Struggle,
New Jersey ABC- BG

Florida Report *Jacksonville ABC- BG*

Creating Visibility

This month we were able to put information out at a Downset concert. Downset is a politically conscious Hardcore group that attract a young, potentially politically conscious and currently politically conscious crowd.

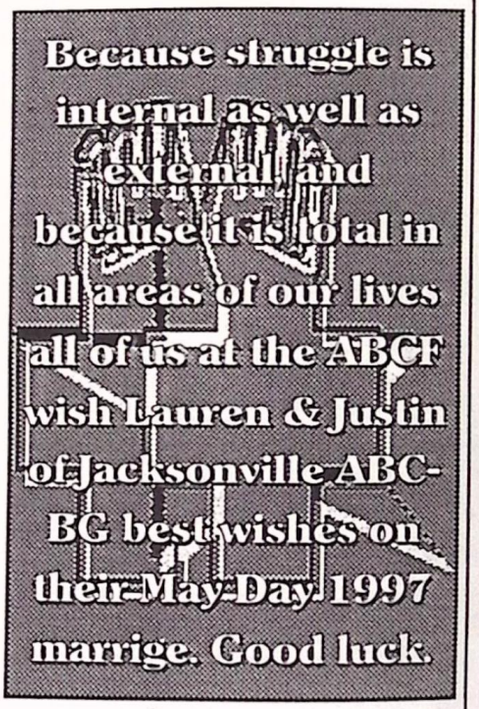
Unfortunately, the club they played at did not allow us to set up a literature table, but we brought a couple of hundred copies of the Statements from Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War series we have published (including statements from Ojore Lutalo, Herman Bell, Sundiata Acoli, and MOVE Political Prisoners among others).

Although there was not an opportunity for us to speak at the event, or set up a table, we made sure everyone at the show had a couple of the pamphlets. And they did help to create a more political atmosphere.

ABCF Conference

As is required of ABCF Branch groups in the ABCF constitution, we will be driving up for the anarchist Black Cross Federation Conference in June and we are looking forward to seeing everyone.

In Struggle, Jax ABC- BG


Because struggle is internal as well as external and because it is total in all areas of our lives all of us at the ABCF wish Lauren & Justin of Jacksonville ABC- BG best wishes on their May Day 1997 marrige. Good luck.

PROPOSALS:

Spring Break '98- Jericho March

I. Spring Break '98 Jericho March to the White House to Demand Amnesty for Political Prisoners.

Tentative Date: March 21, 1998
Location: White House, Washington DC
Purpose: Rally and Demonstration
(Possibly circumambulation 7 times around the White House and sound horns to symbolically ritualize biblical Jericho power of the people.)

It is imperative to develop regional meetings comprising the various progressive and revolutionary groups, political prisoner support committees, and progressive college campus organizations to meet and plan the national mobilization. These meetings will discuss the best methodology to organize the mobilization and build the march/rally from their region. There should be at least three (3) regional meetings and two (2) national meetings comprising of representatives of the regional groups. The national

meetings will ratify and secure the means to coordinate the regional groups decisions on how they will participate and organize the national mobilization.

II. Logistics at Location

1. Bus Ports
2. Rest Room Facilities
3. Possible Speaker Stand
4. Permits

III. Organizing Projections

1. Colleges:

The organizing of political prisoners committees on college campuses across the country. Each campus group is to charter a bus to D.C. for the rally and demonstration.

2. Political Support Groups of Political Prisoners:

Each group must prepare to charter a bus. This includes developing coalitions with other political and progressive formations to ensure grassroots support participation

3. Religious Groups:

These groups must be persuaded to support this cause for action on moral grounds of the existence of political prisoners and support of human rights. They must recognize the moral and political right of dissent in this country, and demand better of the U.S. corporate government given recognition to the existence of political prisoners in the U.S.

4. Reformist Groups and Progressive Representatives

These groups and individuals must be persuaded to support this national mobilization as part of the struggle to safe guard political freedoms.

IV. Targets for Support:

1. K. Cleaver and A. Davis should be persuaded to challenge the women's movement to support the national mobilization in support of female political prisoners. Women political prisoners have generally been neglected by the women's movement. K. Cleaver and A. Davis should be urged to make public statements to condemn the women's movement for failing to support women political prisoners in the U.S., as well as Lori Berenson in Peru and Assata Shakur in Cuba, etc.

2. Rev. Ben Chavis and Min. Farrakhan must be challenged to organize NAALS to support this national mobilization and to have NAALS prepare to charter buses on behalf of the mobilization. They are also to challenge the religious community for being silent on the existence of political prisoners in the U.S. Since they (NAALS) have claimed the release of political prisoners to be one of the issues on their agenda, it is essential the issue of political prisoners' existence in the U.S. is raised into a national debate. This national debate must reach womens groups, academia, religious and reformist support groups.

V. Propaganda:

NALF, RNA, NYC Coalition to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal, AIM, ProLibertad, MOVE, PFOC, NOGL, ABCF, various political prisoners support groups, etc. should construct a joint press release on the initiation of the Spring Break '98- Jericho March. The press release should be forwarded to all national and international revolutionary and progressive publications. This press statement should also be distributed to Pacifica and progressive Black and Spanish Talk Radio programs across the country.

Respectfully Submitted,

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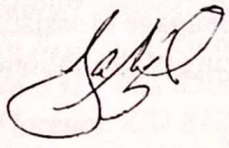

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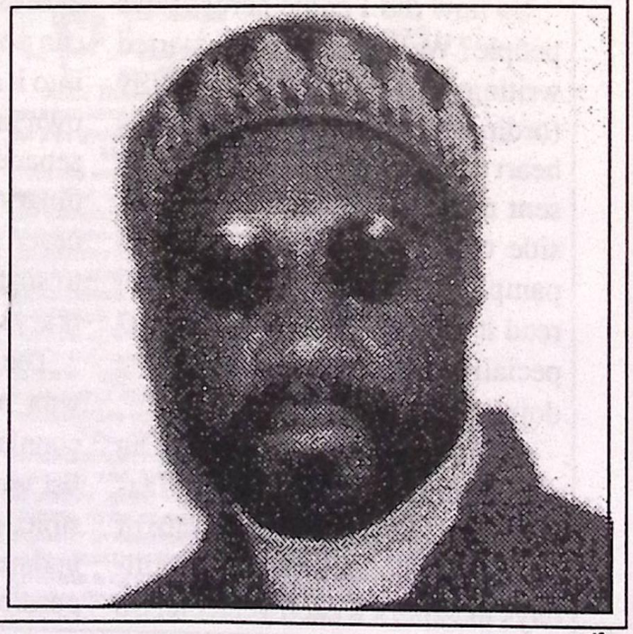


LETTERS:

Build for Jericho 1998

February, 14 1997

Revolutionary Greetings ABCF,

...I hope you have been distributing the flier (on the Jericho March, 1998) and the Federation members etc. are responding favorably. It is important the entire Federation comes together to forge a committee that will actively build/engage in assisting in the organizing of the national mobilization. You, Mathias, Tim, Justin, Rob Cat, Nina, Kris etc. should come together to discuss how to prepare for action, and influence others to charter buses for the Jericho March...

It is important that this activity serves to strengthen the Federation as well as build the national mobilization. Let's build this movement so it will extend far into the future!

Revolutionary Love & Unity
Jalil Muntaqim (Bottom)
77A4283 / Box 338
Napanoch, NY 12458

Hungry for news in No. Ireland

March 17, 1997

Hello ABC,

Solidarity and revolutionary greetings. My name is Nigel McDermott and I am an Irish Republican POW and I am in my 7th year (I'm 25) of a life sentence which was imposed on me by a British special non-jury court rising out of IRA attacks in my home town.

So how did I come across yous people? Well, I've recently started writing to a guy in jail in Philly (ordinary criminal charge, but his heart are in the right place) and he sent me a bunch of zines and inside one I found your Sept. '96 pamphlet [Jersey Anarchist #37] read it and liked what I saw. I especially admire the work yous are doing for prisoners.

As you may know, there is an extensive network of organizations that look after the welfare of Irish Republican POW's, to holidays in America each year, etc. So we recognize more than most the work yous take on board on behalf of your PP's/POW's and yous should be applauded for it. Obviously I know that's not why yous do it, but I applaud yous anyway.

So to get to the point, as political prisoners we are constantly hungry for news on other struggles and different ideologies. So that is why I am sending you the stamp addressed envelope so that you can pop your merchandise catalog into it and then I can order and our own internal education system (as separate and distinct from the ordinary jail academic system) can order pamphlets that we can use to stock our extensive political library.

The 'Regional Contacts' piece was helpful too and there's a couple of interesting groups on the list who I will write to. So if possible, please can you send me an updated contacts list as there is the possibility that because of your enemy such groups find themselves on the move regularly.

If there is any 1997 political prisoner calendars left, could you put one on reserve for me and let me know that you have it in your return of this so I can contact my family to send you the money so that you could post one to me. Thanks.

If there's anything I can do for yous or if there's any information yous are looking for, don't hesitate to ask and I shall endeavor to help yous. Yours is a just fight.

I'm away now so hopefully I'll hear from yous shortly. Don't despair, the road is long, but the ends will justify the means! Onwards,

Nigel McDermott A6114 H4B
H.M.P. Maze
Lisborn, County Antrim,
BT27 5RP
Northern Ireland

Nigel.

News from ADX...

February 23, 1997

Greetings ABCF,

I received your packet the other day, but never had received any of your correspondences that was sent to Atlanta.

I have filled out the questionnaire and enclosed it so to give you an idea of my status.

If I were in General Population, I would not be in need of a stipend, because I would be able to do something for myself, but my present situation prevents me from doing anything for myself. (Haniff was recently sent to the Florence control unit)

At the moment I would like to apply for a Emergency Funding, because this way I could mail you some of my essays and poems to see if they could possibly be compiled into a booklet.

Until I am able to work myself through this Behavior Modification program, which is supposed to be for 3 years, it would be a tremendous help is I could eventually have my name added to the list of PP's who receive a monthly stipend.

Last month I heard about Sekou's [Sekou Odinga, BLA POW] son having tragically passed on, and I have not had the opportunity to get word to him since.

So if and when you write him again, would you extend my condolences to him, as I know what he still must be enduring.

Like myself, these federal prisoncrats have kept him separated from his family for the entire length of his incarceration, which has prevented him from having any physical interaction with his children.

The attack I experienced [by guards upon arriving at ADX] was really unprovoked on my part, but now I am exercising that much more precaution, and just trying to move through the program.

Once again, should any funds be forwarded to me, it would be best to use my committed name- Beaumont Gereau, because they use all means here to dissuade ones on the outside from assisting us.

Take good care and please extend my regards to the comrades.

In Solidarity,

Haniff Shabazz Bey
s/n Beaumont Gereau
96544-131 / Box 8500 ADX
Florence, CO 81226

Haniff

PP/POW's respond to MR&R

Greetings Rich,

Recently read your excellent interview of Neil and Matt of the Paterson Anarchist Collective / N.J. Anarchist Black Cross and I really enjoyed it. I'm also one of the political prisoners that they provide both financial and political support to and I can attest to the fine, dependable and needed job they are doing for me and numerous other political prisoners and prisoners of war (PP/POW) confined in U.S. prison. They've recently begun to reach out to PP/POW internationally too.

I think it was a very good move to do an interview with someone political in your music magazine and hope you'll continue to include similar items in the future. Struggle,

Sundiata Acoli - political prisoner of war/ USP Allenwood/ White Deer, PA

Greetings,

I recently read your interview with the two brothers (Matt and Neil) from Paterson ABC. Thank you. I hope you will continue to do interviews that give your readers a glimpse of all that goes on around them in the world.

Music and culture are not separate from the world which is made up of the political, economic and social conditions. Culture reflects our development or challenges where society is. Music was one of the elements of culture that opened my mind and led me to investigate, learn, and set about to change the white supremacist, death culture of Amerikka, as I understood it, as a teenager in the 1960s. Today I am all that I learned, all the actions both political and cultural that I engaged in. As a result I am a political prisoner, captive of the US government for believing and fighting for justice, liberation, and revolutionary change.

You, the youth carry the potential for social change. Your music and culture reflect that potential and feed it. Neil and Matt raise an important issue. Does your music develop to liberate, to be an element of rage to change the system? Or does the music become solely for the sake of music - or the $$, the perks of "fame"? They gave me a lot to think about... Carry on!

Marilyn Black/ Anti-imperialist political prisoner

Sekou Odinga 05228-054
3901 Klein Blvd.
Lompoc CA, 93436
Receives $60 per month

Ruchel Cinque Magee
Box 7500 / A2-205 / #A92051
Crecent City, CA 95531
Receives $60 per month

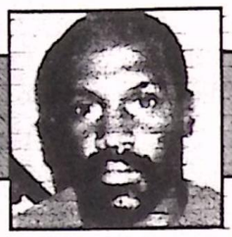
Herman Bell
79C0262 / Box 51
Comstock, NY 12821
Receives $60 bi-monthly

Marilyn Buck 00482-285
Box 27137 Rio Grande
Ft. Worth, TX 76127
Receives $60 bi-month

Ricardo Jiménez
88967-024 / Box 1000
Lewisburg, PA 17837
Receives $60 per month

Richard Williams 10377-016
3701 Klein Blvd.
Lompoc, CA 93436
Recieves $30 per month

Dylcia Pagán 88971-024
5701 8th St. Camp Parks
Dublin, CA 94568
Recieves $30 per month



Ojore N. Lutalo
59860 / CN-861
Trenton, NJ 08625
Received Emergency Funds

Jalil Muntaqim (Bottom)
77A4283 / 339
Napanoch, NY 12458
Recieved Emergency Funds

Sundiata Acoli (Squire)
39794-066 / Box 3000
White Deer, PA 19887
Recieved Emergency Funds

Carmen Valentín 88974-024
5701 8th St. Camp Prks
Dublin, CA 94568
ReceivedEmergency Funds

Jaan K. Laaman
10372-016 / Box 1000
Leavenworth, KS 66048
Received Emergency Funds

Jacksonville ABC- SG
Suite 20 3628 Park St.
Jacksonville, FL 32205
ReceivedEmergency Funds

David Gilbert
83A6158 / Box 51
Comstock, NY 12821-0051
ReceivedEmergency Funds

Haniff Shabazz Bey (Gereau)
96544-131 / Box 8500 ADX
Florence, CO 81226
Received Emergency Funds

The Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) has initiated a program designed to send monthly checks into those Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no financial support during their imprisonment. PP/POW's requesting funds complete an application of financial questions. When the ABCF has collected sufficient funds to send out another monthly check, the applications are reviewed by a rotating body of PP/POW's called the Prisoners Committee, who makes a judgement on which applicant is in the most financial need. We currently are able to support 5 prisoners by sending them checks every month, and 2 every other month. There is also an Emergency Fund designed to immidiately send checks to those PP/POW's in need of one time or emergency assistance. Founded in 1994, the Warchest has provided consistant and reliable financial aid serving a much neglected comradely function. As Sekou Odinga (a POW currently receiving a monthly check) writes, ***"Thanks much for the support you've been organizing, I really appreciate it. After not having any or very little support for so long, it now seems like (people) have all of a sudden realized that I am alive."*** We ask that you endorse this program by giving any monthly or one time donation to this effort to increase the number of prisoners being supported monthly. A financil report is published that documents all money received and the prisoners it was sent to. The prisoners addresses are also printed so that endorsers may write and hold us accountable.

Name:_____ Phone #:_____

Street Address:_____

City/State/Zip:_____

❑ ONE TIME DONATION ❑ MONTHLY SUPPORTER

If you'll be a monthly supporter, please check one of the following:

❑ I'll Commit to 6 Months ❑ I'll Commit to 1 Year Amount $ _____

Checks to CASH only:
NJ ABC- BG
P.O. Box 8532
Paterson, NJ 07508-8532
Contact # 201-357-0994

Warchest Financial Documentation

FUNDS COLLECTED:

	'94	'95	'96	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
NJ ABC	120	645	420	20	20	20	20								
Bonnie K			120	20	20	20									
NYC ABC	180	940	340												
DC ABC		500	40												
Milw ABC		340	250												
Jax ABC		60	220	20	20	20	20								
Monct ABC		40	110	10	10	10	10								
Mpls ABC		165	400	50	50	50	50								
Miranda E		220	160												
JEAP		220	240	20			20	20	20	20	20				
Lncstr ABC		220	325	25	25	25	25								
Colin S		80	70												
Troy E		120	140												
Athens ABC		60	267	10	10	10	10								
Sam N		120	140												
SAFC		40	220												
BCC		10	25	5	5										
Maccanon		9	35												
Fundraiser	28		213												
Chris A.			335	50											
Ruth G			15												
Marilyn B			200												
Herman B			200												
Ray Luc			25												
Bobby C			15	5											
Black Fist					15										
Shannon M.					20	20									
Rachel M.			10	10	10										
Penny S.							20								
One time don.	28	146	110												

FUNDS SENT OUT:

(*Emergency Fund)	'94	'95	'96	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Sekou Odinga	120	720	720/100	60	60	60	60								
Cinque Magee		660	720	60	60	60	60								
Kojo Sababu		660	120												
Herman Bell		240	420		60		60								
Marilyn Buck		120	360	60		60									
Ricardo Jimenez			600	60	60	60	60								
Richard Williams			120	30	30	30	30								
Dylcia Pagán			120	30	30	30	30								
Ojore Lutalo		171*	100*	124*											
Jalil Muntaqin		100*	130*												
Sundiata Acoli		50*													
Carmen Valentin		75*	55*				56*								
Jaan Laaman			100*												
Jax ABC			450*												
David Gilbert			50*												
Bashir Hameed			55*												
Haniff S. Bey							100*								

Funds Collected
Jan. - Feb. 1997

MARCH:	
Regular:	$195
Irregular:	$120
Total:	$315
APRIL:	
Regular:	$235
Irregular:	$ 20
Total:	$255
March - April Totals:	
March:	$315
April:	$255
Total In:	$565

Funds Sent Out
March - April. 1997

MARCH:	
Monthly Checks:	$300
Emergency Fund:	$ 0
Total:	$300
APRIL:	
Monthly Checks:	$300
Emergency Fund:	$156
Total:	$456

March - April. Totals Out:

March:	$300
April:	$456
*6% War Tax:	$ 34
Total Out:	$790

Grand Totals:

FUNDS IN:	
From 1994:	$ 351
From 1995:	$3935
From 1996:	$4635
From 1997:	$ 975
Total Funds In:	$9896
FUNDS OUT:	
From 1994:	$ 120
From 1995:	$2796
From 1996:	$4220
From 1997:	$1539
Total Funds Out:	$8675

IN EMERGENCY FUND:

Total Sent In:	$9896
Total Sent Out:	$8675
Emergency Fund:	$1221...

**6% is deducted from total funds in to cover costs of money orders and postage of Warchest related correspondance*

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A small photo journal of our activities in support

BETWEEN

of our work, our communities and Political

FEBRUARY &

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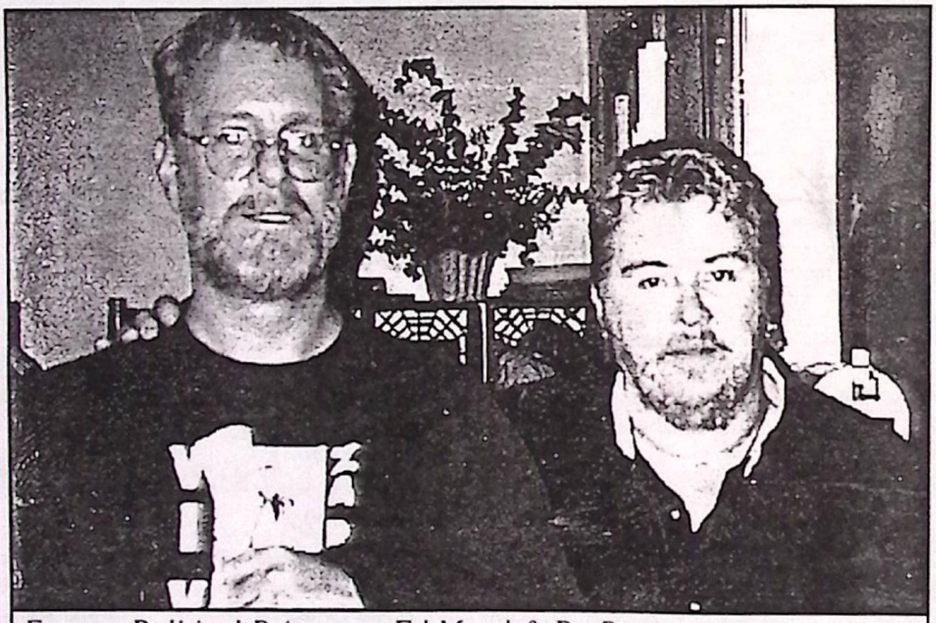
MARCH

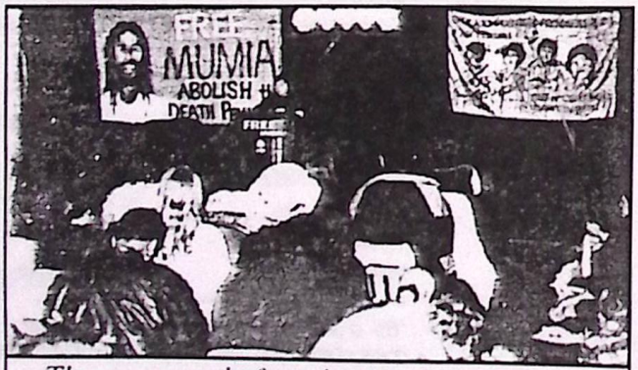
held in the United States of America.

Quilt by Anti-Imperialist PP Linda Evans, being sold to raise funds for Mumia at Art & Writing Against the Death Penalty



Former Political Prisoners, Ed Mead & Bo Brown, at the west coast opening of the Mumai Art show, S.F., CA

Neil (NJ ABC) & Puerto Rican POW Dylcia Págan



The program before the art show, S.F., CA

HEY!

Support Groups, Branch Groups and ABCF supporters, send in pictures of what you've been doing in support of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War to be featured in the photo journal of the next ABCF Update!

Standing: Mathias (NJ ABC) PP Jalil Muntaqim, Neil (NJ ABC)
Sitting: Rob and Rachel of Critical Mass

Setting up the ABCF table at the Mumia Art Show, S.F., CA

Neil, NJ ABC with PP, Laura Whitehorn (back) & Political Prisoner supporter Pam (front)

Puerto Rican POW Carmen Valentín with Neil (NJ ABC)

Some of the artwork displayed at the Mumia Art Show

Submissions & Subscriptions:

The ABCF Update is printed in the first week of every other month. The deadline for submissions in the next issue is May 27th. Subscriptions are $15 per year. Send cash or checks / money orders made to Neil Batelli to the address below. Prisoners subscription is twelve .32¢ stamps.

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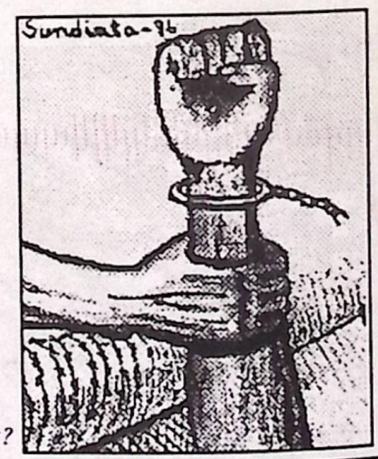

We might remember that they're there, but what are we gonna do about it?

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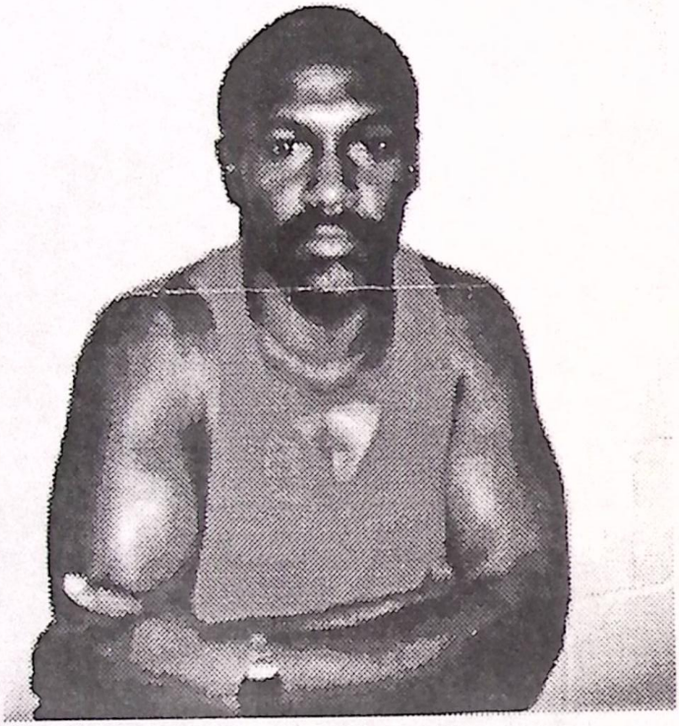
Anarchist Black Cross

REMEMBER, WE'RE STILL HERE

"here we remain, yesterday's urban guerillas, abandoned in captivity."
-Ojore N. Lutalo

OJORE N. LUTALO NEW AFRIKAN PRISONER OF WAR



Ojore N. Lutalo is a New Afrikan Prisoner of War locked down in Trenton, New Jersey, for actions carried out in the fight for Black Liberation.

In Ojore's own words, he is "serving a parole violation sentence (we received 14 to 17 years) stemming from a 1977 conviction for expropriating monies from a capitalist state bank (in order to finance our activities) and engaging the political police in a gun battle in December 1975 in order to effect our departure from the bank, and to ensure success of the military operation..."

"After my parole violation term terminated in December 1987, I started serving a forty year sentence with a twenty year parole ineligibility (I was paroled in 1980, and I have been back in captivity since April 20, 1982) that I have received in 1982 for having a gun-fight with a drug dealer. The overall strategy of assaulting a drug dealer is to secure monies to finance one's activities, and to rid the oppressed communities of drug dealers."

Ojore was originally arrested with New Afrikan P.O.W. Kojo Bomani Sababu, and was struggling with comrade Andaliwa Clark up until the point that Andaliwa was killed in action within the confines of New Jersey's infamous Trenton State Prison after he shot two prison's security guards in the repressive Management Control Unit (M.C.U.) on January 19th, 1976 when they tried to stop him from escaping from captivity.

Ojore was a comrade of the late Kuwasi Balagoon, a New Afrikan anarchist P.O.W. "I've been involved in the struggle, the war against the fascist state since 1970. I've been an anarchist since 1975 without any regrets. Prior to my involvement in the struggle, I was just another apolitical lumpen (bandit) here in Amerika."

"I was... influenced and highly motivated by the Black Liberation Army (B.L.A.) here in Amerika. These sisters and brothers were New Afrikans just like me from the streets of the ghettos who took the initiative militarily, to start assassinating members of the state's security forces who were murdering black people in our communities. From the inception of all revolutions, I feel that the people need armed combat units to check state sponsored acts of terrorism by the government's security forces. In addition, I feel that these armed combat units are necessary to show the people that fascist acts of state-sponsored terrorism... will be responded to militarily. In 1975 I became disillusioned with Marxism and became an anarchist (thanks to Kuwasi Balagoon) due to the inactiveness and ineffectiveness of Marxism in our communities along with repressive bureaucracy that comes with Marxism. People aren't going to commit themselves to a life and death struggle just because of grand ideas someone might have floating around in their heads. I feel people will commit themselves to a struggle if they can see progress being made similar to the progress of anarchist collectives in Spain during the era of the fascist Bahamonde..."

Ojore is presently locked down in an M.C.U. in Trenton. "I'm encased in a cage of steel and concrete surrounded by high prison walls topped with gun towers and rows of razor wire while being watched by sadistic fascist pigs. Nevertheless, I'm not complaining because I have accepted revolution, which is an armed struggle for me, and I have come to terms with the prospects of death and captivity... The vast majority of the Prisoners of War and Political Prisoners now being interned here in the concentration camps of North Amerika aren't receiving any assistance (e.g.: being liberated, assistance in liberating ourselves, financial assistance needed to obtain food packages, winter clothing, reading material and postage stamps) from the so-called progressive revolutionary organizations, groups and individuals here in Amerika. With our talents, we have been abandoned here in the state's numerous concentration camps and our M.C.U.'s by those out there in what we call minimum custody..."

We don't need moral support because we have purpose. We don't need anyone to tell us to stay strong because we are going to remain stead-fast anyway, because we have come to terms with the prospects of death and captivity."

The Paterson Anarchist Collective/NJ Anarchist Black Cross have been in close communication with our captured comrade Ojore. We have been aiding him in every way possible at the present time and have been taking full advantage of his experience and advice in which he has confined to us.

We fully plan to expand the ways in which we aid this revolutionary P.O.W. as our recourses and knowledge expand.

OJORE N. LUTALO
#59860 / CN-861
TRENTON, NJ
08625 - U.S.A.

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WARCHEST FINANCIAL REPORT

#1 From July to August 1995

The War Chest Program

The War Chest program was initiated in November 1994. It's purpose is to collect monthly funds from groups and individuals supporters, and send that money into Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (P.P./P.O.W.) via monthly checks.

Collecting Money

We are consolidating efforts going on around the country in support of P.P./P.O.W.'s in order to substantially aid such prisoners. There are many such efforts going on. We are usually small in number and finance, so it is usually difficult to meet the material needs of the P.P./P.O.W.'s we are supporting. By and large, we are all small pockets of resistance. However, we are also part of a much larger struggle. P.O.W. Ojore Lutalo has said, Our enemy is consolidating their efforts against us, we have to do the same. One way this is done is through collecting monthly donations from groups or individuals. Many of us can not afford more than$5, $10, or $20 per month. Alone, this does not amount to much. But, if we pool our resources, if we all gave that amount to one "Warchest", we are able to make progress. The success we have had thus far attests to this. As of July 1995, we are sending $60 checks each month to 4 P.P./P.O.W.'s. With your support this will increase.

Where Does This Money Go?

With the help of Ojore N. Lutalo, Sundiata Acoli, Sekou Odinga and associates, we compiled a list of P.P./P.O.W.'s who we all suspected were in need of financial assistance. We also asked those P.P./P.O.W.'s to add names they suspected were in need and so on and so on. With the those we came up with, we asked the P.P./P.O.W.'s on the list who was in the most need of funds or who was receiving the least financial/material support. Once we learned who was in the most need we sent the checks out to these people in order of need. The prisoner who receives the check uses the funds in whatever way s/he wishes.

Warchest and Emergency Fund

All funds that collected are consolidated. We ask that people make 6 or 12 month commitments. This enables everyone to know just how much we can expect each month from regular contributors. These monthly funds from regular contributors get sent regularly to the P.P./P.O.W.'s. Those people who can not make such commitments, but still want to contribute are irregular contributors. The money from irregular contributors go into the Warchest and are used in the Emergency Fund. The idea is that, though we can not rely on that money every month to send to a prisoner, it can be used in emergency situations. For instance, Jalil Bottom was transferred to Attica and lost his belongings including his coat and gloves in the dead of winter. We were able to purchase these items for him from the money that was collected from irregular contributors.

Please find inside bi-monthly and year to date financial documentation as well as the prisoners addresses who received the money. We encourage people to write to these prisoners and hold us accountable to our claims.★

"Here we remain, yesterday's urban guerillas, abandoned in captivity" ***-O. Lutalo***

★ Support the War Chest Program ★

An ABC federation has initiated a program designed to send monthly checks into those Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War who have been recieving insufficiant, little, or no support durring their imprisonment. We curtrently are able to support four prisoners by sending them checks of $60.00 each month. We have been able to maintain this since November '94. With guidance from the prisoners, a list of other P.P.'s and P.O.W.'s who are in great need of this type of support is being made. Though still small, the ***"War Chest"*** program is having an impact. As Sekou Odinga (a P.O.W. currently receiving a monthly check) writes, *"Thanks much for the support you've been organizing, I really appreciate it. After not having any or very little support for so long, it now seems like (people) have all of a sudden realized that I am alive."* We already have more prisoners on the list than we have resources. We ask that you endorse this program by giving $5.00 per week ($20.00 per month) or any other amount to this effort to increase the number of prisoners being supported monthly. A newsletter is published once every two months that documents all money recieved and the prisoners it was sent to. The prisoners adsresses are also printed so that endorsers may write and hold us accountable to our claims.

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Street Address:_____

City/State/Zip:_____

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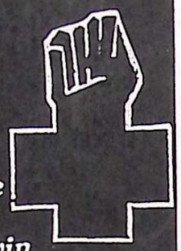

Cultural Diversity and Commitment in the Anarchist Black Cross by Ojore N. Lutalo, Bonnie Kerness, and Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin

"WE PERMIT PEOPLE OF OTHER IDEOLOGIES TO DEFINE ANARCHY RATHER THAN BRING OUR VIEWS TO THE MASSES AND PROVIDE MODELS TO SHOW THE CONTRARY. WE PERMIT CORPORATIONS TO NOT ONLY LAY OFF WORKERS AND TO THREATEN THEIR SALARIES, BUT POISON THE AIR AND WATER TO BOOT. WE PERMIT THE POLICE, KLAN, AND NAZIS TO TERRORIZE WHATEVER SECTION OF THE POPULATION THEY WISH WITHOUT REPAYING THEM BACK IN ANY KIND. IN SHORT BY NOT ENGAGING IN MASS ORGANIZING AND DELIVERING WAR TO THE OPPRESSORS, WE BECOME ANARCHISTS IN NAME ONLY..."
-THE LATE NEW AFRIKAN ANARCHIST, KUWASI BALAGOON

As a result of a number of discussions we've had with the Nightcrawlers about the upcoming ABC Conference, Ojore, Kom'boa and I would like to offer a number of ideas which we feel are vital to the forward movement of the Anarchist Black Cross in the United States. This is a crossroads time for ABC and these ideas can serve as stepping stones towards a budding prisoner-focused movement.

Our first suggestion is for individual ABC groups to take whatever steps are necessary in order to gain cultural diversity. The anarchist "scene" as it currently exists is perceived of as an all white, middle class group of aspiring anarchist who have yet to understand the depth and seriousness of the revolutionary struggle that is ongoing in communities of color all over this country - most particularly in that massive community of color that exists in the U.S. prison system. New Afrikan revolutionaries justifiably conclude that anarchists in the U.S. have no idea of what real struggle entails on either side of the prison walls. In order for a movement to exist, there need be programs designed to win the hearts and minds of people. A movement is organizing rooted in the colonies of the dispossessed. A movement has an offensive and defensive fighting force and programs which teach be example - i.e. anarchist food and clothing distribution centers. It is no wonder that anarchists are not seen as a movement. there are no programs which benefit people, nor is there any economic base from which to organize. There doesn't even seem to be a unified understanding of what it takes to be a movement, let alone a unified goal for action. By either encouraging Afrikan input, or becoming part of Afrikan groups and movements this can be rectified.

The Anarchist Black Cross has a rich and proud history in Europe. The "crossroads" we spoke of before is the difference between choosing one road leading to a continued lack of focus or the other leading towards credibility and a contribution to Anarchist Black Cross history.

Along with cultural diversity, the ABC needs to formally commit to structured local and/or regional work. The return of Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin as a guiding force broadens ABC potential immeasurably. His book "Anarchism and the Black Revolution" provides a remarkable structure from which to work. Those opposed to such structure are game playing with both anarchism and revolution. His "Draft Proposal for an ABC Network" has the support of prisoners all over the country. Adopting any or all of the fifteen points for local/regional work would provide the type of unification of effort that is currently needed to begin serious movement work.

There is one particular area in which we strongly suggest that the network of ABC groups focus. For those who have been either politically conscious prisoners or prisoner advocates, horror at the proliferation of isolation cages across the U.S. is inescapable. They are called control units and have been developed to modify the thoughts and behavior of political dissidents. Efforts are currently underway to from a national network of monitoring groups across the country. It is hoped that prisoners living in control units will have an outside advocate in as many states as possible. The potential for an ABC contribution in this effort is enormous - and badly needed.

In July of 1992 Ojore received a letter of note from Jim Campbell. Jim's Prison News Service plays an important role in current prisoner struggles. Jim says "There is much I do not understand. Why do anarchists have such short attention spans? Is it a question of youth? Six months is considered to be a long term strategy and within two years many are on to something else. For me, we need to be able to think in terms of 20 and 30 years. That is where it takes some discipline." Ojore responded by saying it's because "these play anarchist are merely/were playing a government approved word game with anarchy and revolution" like the charlatans of Love and Rage are doing today.

For Ojore, for Kom'boa and for myself, struggle is a lifetime commitment of utmost seriousness. This commitment is a promise that one makes to themselves that nothing ever alters. If ABC wants to be more than just a name, a protracted commitment is required. There is little point in integrating into prison work if you are going to get bored in a year and then move on to something else.

It is time for the Anarchist Black Cross to focus and unify. Gaining cultural diversity, using Kom'boa's 15 points of action, supporting control unit prisoners and dealing with the issue of protracted commitment are all directions imperative to consider at the upcoming ABC conference.

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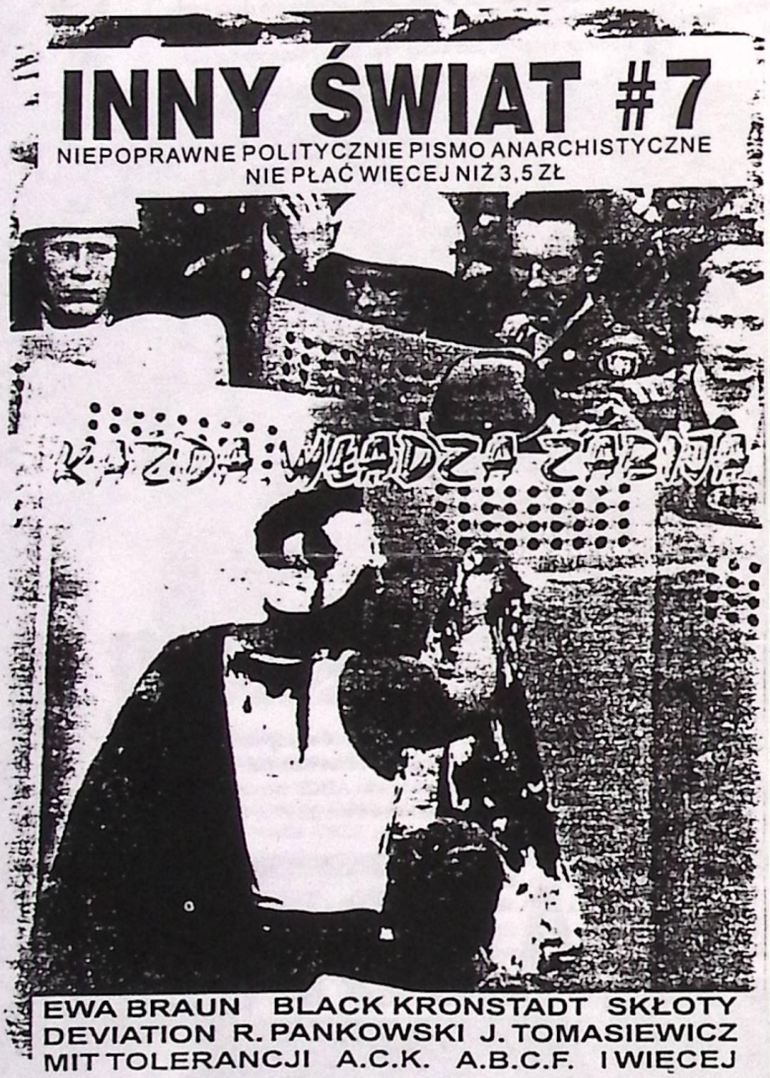
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ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS FEDERATION

Wywiad z Neilem z Anarchist Black Cross Federation został przeprowadzony korespondencyjnie. Niestety nie wyszedł on tak jak tego oczekiwałem ale mam nadzieję, że i tak jest spoko i będzie można się z niego czegoś dowiedzieć. W wywiadzie pojawia się skrót PP/POW co oznacza więzień polityczny lub wojenny.

Powiedz czym jest federacja Anarchist Black Cross (ABCF). Dlaczego jesteś w ABCF?

ABCF jest federacją kolektywów Anarchist Black Cross, których celem jest połączyć finansową pomoc i ,podnosić świadomość o PP/POW. Kiedy mówimy o PP/POW, konkretnie chodzi o ludzi, którzy zostali uwięzieni za świadome polityczne działanie.

Na przykład by pomóc PP/POW finansowo, zorganizowaliśmy Warchest Program, zbierający wolne datki od kolektywów ABCF, innych grup ABC ze Stanów nie włączonych do federacj, pomagając jednostkom i grupom o różnych ideologiach. Pytamy PP/POW o ich finansowe wsparcie jakie otrzymują, ci którzy mają najmniejsze dostają miesięczne czeki do 60$. Zaczęliśmy ten program w listopadzie 1994. Aktualnie wysyłamy miesięczne czeki siedmiu PP/POW. Jest jeszcze „Fundacja Nagłych Wypadków" wysyłająca ludziom, którz nie potrzebują miesięcznych czeków, coś czego nagle im brakuje n.p.więzień polityczny Jalil Muntaqim był przewożony w środku zimy z jednego więzienia do drugiego, stracił swój płaszcz i rękawiczki, Fundacja pomogła mu kupując te rzeczy. Joan Laaman odstraszano od podjęcia nauki w więzieniu bo nie miała pieniędzy, Fundacja znalazła dla niej te pieniądze. W styczniu kolektyw ABCF z Jacksonville FL najechała policja, zamykając działaczy, Fundacja wyciągnęła ich za kaucją itd..

ABCF także zwiększa informacje o PP/POW poprzez udzielanie wywiadów do pism jak to na przykład (szukaj wywiadu z ABCF w zimowym numerze Maximum Rock-n-Roll). Robimy polityczny towar o PP/POW- koszulki, broszury, kalendarze, wywiady z więźniami na taśmach i wiele innych rzeczy. Nie robimy tego tylko po to by to sprzedać i mieć dla nich fundusze, ale również by uczyć ludzi o życiu PP/POW w Stanach i o zmaganiach jakie przechodzą próbując odnowić rewolucyjną działalność tutaj, zanikającą w ostatnich latach.

Powodem dla którego to robimy może wyrazić zdanie Więźnia wojennego (POW) -"Każdy ruch nie pomagający swoim polityczym internowanym jest fałszywy". Udana rewolucja musi posiadać struktury utrzymujące znaczenie komunikacji z uwięzionymi. Między i wewnątrz ruchu w Stanach są nie tylko przyszli leaderzy i budowniczy nadchodzącego socjalnego kryzysu ale także przyszli więźniowie zmagań. Ta rzeczywistość musi być wzięta pod uwagę jeśli mówimy poważnie o rewolucji w U.S.A i gdziekolwiek indziej.

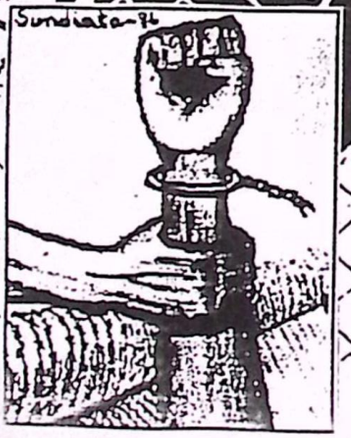
2) Czy jest duże wsparcie dla idei ABC, bądź pomagania więźniom w Stanach ?

- Współczesne polityczne tendencje między rewolucyjną lewicą w tym kraju, ponownie dostrzegły potrzebę pomocy PP/POW. ABCF dostarcza pewnej pomocy i jest na pierwszej linji tego rosnącego trędu.

Neil wraz z Carmen Valentin-portor ykański więzień wojenny.

3) Jakiego rodzaju więźniom pomaga ABCF. Czy tylko anarchistom ?

-PP/POW w Stanach są unikatowi w okazywaniu dużej jedności między sobą, która góruje nad różnymi ideologiami. Według ich przykładu ABCF tworzy się tak samo, nie sekciarsko, dostępnie. Niewielu PP/POW jest anarchistami, większość nie jest.



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4) Mieliście w działalności ABCF problemy z policją albo FBI ?

Współcześnie ABC z New Jersey nie doświadczała jawnych prowokacji. Policja i FBI zwykle używa przykrywek, albo tajnych operacji by niszczyć organizacje.

Mimo tego w styczniu 1996 grupę ABC z Jacksonville najechały poważnie uzbrojone oddziały SWAT (specjalna broń i taktyka) z policją. Jeden z członków został wzięty do aresztu, natomiast SWAT przesłuchiwali pozostałych, przeszukiwali ich domy abstrachując już od konfiskacji politycznej literatury legalnej broni i paru innych rzeczy. Po zwolnieniu policja i oddziały SWAT wróciły za dwa tygodnie, aresztowali wszystkich z wyjątkiem jednej osoby. Musieli czekać cztery dni aż ich rodziny pomogły im wyjść za kaucją. Właśnie trwa proces, grozi im do pięciu lat więzienia.

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6) Czy współpracujecie z podobnymi organizacjami. Co myślisz o współpracy z organizacjami rewolucyjnej lewicy ?

- Aktualnie nie współpracujemy z żadną organizacją, ale nie jesteśmy przeciw współpracy kiedy cel jest podobny.

Free All Political Prisoners & Prisoners of War

5) Czy mieliście problemy w odwiedzaniu więźniów lub korespondowaniu z nimi ?

- Rzadko. Odwiedzanie jest ważną częścią pomocy jaką prowadzi ABCF, myślę że nie było specjalnych problemów, owszem czasem jesteśmy zmuszani do czekania kilka godzin przed wizytą, czasem odwiedziny są skracane itd. Niedawno członek ABC z New Jersey odwiedzał POW w Kalifornii, nagle po wizycie odwołano wszystkie wcześniej ustalone wizyty w więzieniu. Nie możemy stwierdzić na pewno czy było tylko zbieg okoliczności, czy jakaś przemyślana akcja. Zdarza się że nie dociera nasza poczta, bądź wiemy że któryś z PP/POW coś nam wysłał a tego nie dostajemy, ale nie jest to regularne. Nasze pismo opisujące postęp i pracę ABCF, w paru więzieniach sklasyfikowano jako „nieautoryzowane"

7) Powiedz jak my w Polsce możemy pomóc ABCF. Co byś poradził młodemu polskiemu ABC ?

- Realia obecnej sytuacji na świecie pokazują że budowanie ruchu rewolucyjnego musi mieć charakter ponad narodowy. Najlepszym sposobem pokazania solidarności jest publikacja ciężkich realiów PP/POW ze Stanów i ich walki, my powinniśmy w Ameryce przybliżać walkę z poza naszych granic. Musimy też utrzymywać stały kontakt, uczyć się jedni od drugich, asystować we wzajemnej pomocy. Dziękuję za możliwość przekazania naszych uczuć i pracy

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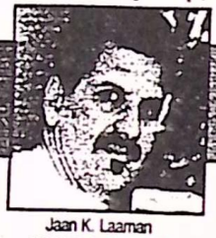

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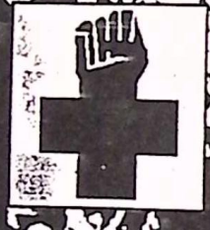


English translation of Inny Swiat Polish interview

1) Tell us what the Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) is. Why are you in the ABCF?

The ABCF is a federation of Anarchist Black Cross collectives whose purpose is to focus on financially supporting, and raising awareness about Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POW) in the United States. When we talk about PP/POW's we are talking specifically of people who have been imprisoned for conscious political actions taken in political movements outside of prison.

To support PP/POW's financially, for example, we have organized the Warchest Program. The Warchest Program collects donations from ABCF collectives, other ABC groups in the US not involved in the ABCF, supportive individuals and groups of many political ideologies, and pools these funds. We then ask many PP/POW's about the financial support they receive. In the order of need, those PP/POW's who receive the least financial support will then receive a monthly check of up to $60. We initiated this program in November 1994 and it has remained consistent since then. We currently support 7 PP/POW's with monthly checks. There is also the Emergency Fund which sends money to PP/POW's who may not need monthly funds, but need one time financial support for a specific reason. For example, a Black Liberation Army PP, Jalil Muntaqim was transferred from one prison to another in the middle of winter and lost his coat and gloves. The Emergency Fund was able to help purchase these items for him. Anti Imperialist PP Jaan Laaman was kept from taking college courses in prison due to lack of money, the Emergency Fund was able to help pay for his classes. In January 1996, an ABCF collective in Jacksonville FL, was raided by the police and put in prison for their political work in the community, the Emergency Fund helped bail them out etc.

The ABCF also raises awareness for PP/POW's by doing interviews in magazines like this one, (look for an interview with the ABCF in an upcoming winter issue of Maximum Rock-n-Roll). We also produce political merchandise about PP/POW's like T-shirts, pamphlets, calendars featuring them, taped interviews with them and much more. We do this not only to sell it and raise funds for them, but to educate people about the existence of PP/POW's in the US, and the struggles that they came from to try and revitalize revolutionary activity in the US, which has been in decline in the last several years.

The reason we do this work can be summed up in a quote by Ojore Lutalo, an anarchist POW. As he states; "Any movement that fails to support its political internees is a sham movement." Any successful revolution must have a structure which supports and maintains meaningful communication with its political captives and exiles. Among and within the movement that exists in the US today, there are not only the future leaders and builders of the coming social crisis, but also the future captives of the struggle. And this reality must be taken into account if we are serious about building revolution in the US and elsewhere.

2) Is there much support for the ABC idea, or helping prisoners in the United States of America.

Recent political trends among the revolutionary left in this country have seen a resurgence in interest of supporting PP/POW's. ABCF has provided consistent support and has been on the front line of this growing trend.

3) What kind of prisoners help the ABCF? Are they only anarchist?

PP/POW's in the US, as far as we see, are unique in that they display a high level of unity among themselves which transcends their various ideologies and sects they subscribe to. Based on their example, the ABCF organizes in the same non-sectarian, non-partisan approach. Due to this and the reality that there aren't many anarchist PP/POW's the majority of PP/POW's involved in the organization are not anarchist.

4) In your work with the ABCF, have you had any problems with the cops or FBI?

In the earlier stages of forming NJ ABC (an ABCF group in New Jersey), police have raided our office, arrested us and shot at our bookstore/community center. At one demonstration in support of prisoners accused of leading a prison rebellion, the FBI detained us in the basement of a courtroom. In recent times, NJ ABC has not experienced overt police provocations. Keeping in mind that in the US, the police and FBI, etc. usually use covert and secret operations to harass and destroy organizations.

However, in January 1996, Jacksonville ABC (an ABCF group in Florida) were raided by highly armed SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) teams and police. One member was taken into custody and detained on a minor auto violation, while SWAT and evidence technicians interrogated the remaining collective members and tore their home apart confiscating political literature, legal shotguns, and more. After the member was released, police and SWAT teams returned less than two weeks later to arrest all but one of the Jacksonville ABC members. In this instance all were detained in prison for 4 days until the ABCF and family members were able to bail them out. Currently they remain out on bail and their trial is ongoing. They face up to 5 years in prison.

5) Have you had problems meeting with prisoners, or corresponding with them?

Not usually. An important service the ABCF provides is visiting PP/POW's. Different members of the federation visit PP/POW's on a consistent basis. Though there has been nothing serious, we occasionally are made to wait for hours before visits, sometimes our visits are cut short etc. Recently, members of NJ ABC visited a POW in California. Immediately after our visit, the prison revoked all the prisoners approved visitors. We can not say for sure if this was a coincidence or covert harassment. We also occasionally lose mail to and from PP/POW's, but it does not happen on a regular basis. The ABCF Update, a magazine that reports our progress and upcoming work has been classified as "unauthorized" in some prisons.

6) Is the ABCF in collaboration with other similar organizations? What do you think about collaboration with other revolutionary left organizations?

Currently there is no specific organization we are presently collaborating with. However we are not opposed to working together with other revolutionary organizations to attain similar goals.

8) Tell me how we in Poland can help ABCF? What advice do you have for a young Polish ABC?

The reality of the present situation in the world shows that the building of a revolutionary movement must be international in both its vision and practice. In the current stage of struggle we are in, the best way to show solidarity is for people in Poland to publicize the plight and reality of United States PP/POW's and their struggles, and for us in America to do the same with struggles from outside our borders. We must also keep an open line of communication and dialogue to learn from one another and assist one another in the practice of mutual aid.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our thoughts and work.

Forever In Struggle,

The Anarchist Black Cross Federation

INTERVIEW WITH A PAC & ABCF MEMBER

Years ago I remeber hearing of the mighty NJ Paterson Anarchist Collective (PAC), an inspiration to myself in active anarchist organizing & sincerity. Recently I found an old NJAF flier & decided to write & see what was up. The following interview was done with Neil of PAC & NJ ABC- BG of the ABCF:

Give a brief history of the PAC to date:

- Neil- PAC started in late 1991. It began as an extension of an anarchist punk band three of collective members were in. The name of the band was W@R. After a band & collective member was beaten by the police, we began to do work to organize against police brutality. We put out a call to local & other NJ groups willing to work on this issue.

What was the N.J.A.F.?

- That is when the North Jersey Anarchist Federation (NJAF) began. The NJAF consisted of several anarchist collectives in NJ like the Ringwood Anarchists, The Anarchist League, North Jersey AYF, PAC, & some others. Early activities of the NJAF were putting out a newspaper about local police abuse called Copwatch, & a monthly newsheet called Jersey Anarchist (which is still put out by PAC/NJ ABC). The problem was that all of these groups had a really wide difference in our focuses & priorities. We all were friends & still are, but each collective wanted to do different things so it was difficult to be able to help each other out in any consistent way. So after a couple years, the federation lost any reason for existing & broke down because there was no real strong issues that held us together, as is needed to have a real federation. Several of the groups formerly in the NJAF are still out there organizing like the Anarchist League who do a lot of pacifist & Anti War tax organizing & the Ringwood Anarchists who do Sewered Lips recording label, NJAYF who print a big fanzine called Misfit Society & of course PAC & NJ ABC. Honestly, though there is no more NJAF or "federation", there is still an unofficial "network" of NJ anarchists, because all of us have maintained contact & supported each other throughout all these years when we could.

What is Right To Existence?

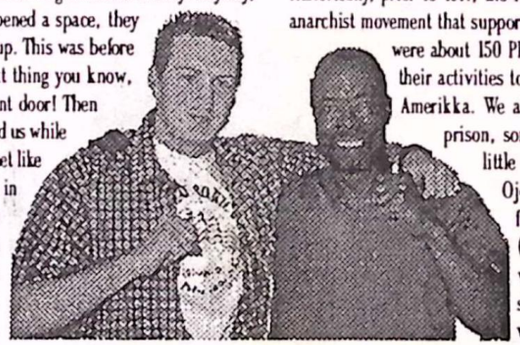
- After the release & local support of Copwatch, police in the area began to really harass us on a more consistent basis. Soon afterwards we opened Right To Existence, our local book shop. The name Right To Existence comes from an old clandestine anarchist organization in Paterson. It was the same organization Luigi Gaetano was from. He was the anarchist who went to assassinate King Umbarto in Italy. Anyway, when the police discovered we opened a space, they immediately raided it, tearing it up. This was before it even opened to the public. Next thing you know, the cops start shooting at the front door! Then they smashed the windows, arrested us while just sitting outside, crazy harassmnet like this. We began to print a more in depth newspaper called Plain Words, in which Copwatch was a section. The name Plain Words came from an action anarchists all over the country participated in, including those in Paterson, NJ.

Cops broke the windows of Right To Existence

On this event, anarchists all over the country planted bombs on the doorsteps of industrial owners & the ruling class. All these bombs went off within an hour of each other, & at each of the sites a pink flier was left proclaiming war of the oppressed onto their oppressors. The title of the flier was Plain Words.

Explain the NJ ABC, what are its priorities & projects?

- All this happened from late 1991 to about late 1992, early 1993. From this we had received some local & radical press coverage that was read by a few Political Prisoners & Prisoners of War (PP/POW). Anarchist POW Ojore Lutalo who is in Trenton, NJ heard about us & then read about the shooting at Right To Existence & we began writing. Ohio 7 PP Ray Luc Levasseur read about the shooting in an issue of the Industrial Worker & wrote us to tell us he had been through similar situations while on the street, then Black Liberation Army POW Sundiata Acoli wrote to help us with the printing of Plain Words. They shared a lot of information with us & from this info. & back & forth, our vision really began to broaden. We began to discover that the local work we were a part of was just a part of a much larger fight for liberation of all oppressed people, that we were not alone, or isolated like we sometimes felt. From our contact with these PP/POW's we learned a lot more about the last generations of people who struggled, & how the government killed them, destroyed their groups & put them in prison for years & years. Most of them are still in jail, these are Political Prisoners & Prisoners of War (PP/POW's.) This is when members of PAC started NJ Anarchist Black Cross (NJ ABC). Historically, prior to 1917, the ABC has always been the arm of the anarchist movement that supported PP/POW's. We learned that there were about 150 PP/POW's in the US, put in prison for their activities to build a revolutionary movement in Amerikka. We also learned that they have been in prison, some of them for 26 years now, with little or no support. We realized that, as Ojore Lutalo says, "Any movement that fails to support its political internees (PP/POW's) is a sham movement!" So we decided that the focus of NJ ABC should be support & defense of class war prisoners, or PP/POW's. Currently NJ ABC is a part of an ABC Federation (ABCF) that operates several project in support of these goals. The most visible & successful of these is the Warchest Program. The Warchest is available to all US PP/POW's & sends monthly checks to those who receive the least financial aid. We do this by collecting monthly & one time donations from supportive groups & individuals, pooling these funds & distributing them among prisoners who we have researched as being in the most financial need to our knowledge. There is a Prisoners Committee (PC) that is a voting body of the ABCF. It consists of 5 PP/POW's who serve year terms & are then replaced by a new committee. They help in determining who receives funding when it becomes available, actually, they vote on all matters that require voting in the ABCF. We urge people who think this is a solid idea to contribute anything they can, even just $5 or $10 a month helps a lot & the PP/POW's need it badly. We print a financial repot bimonthly & if you contribute, we'll send you this report that documents your contribution & shows you to which prisoner it went, the prisoners addresses are printed so people can write them & hold us accountable to our claims.



Neil of NJ ABC & BLA POW Sundiata Acoli

Didn't NJ ABC have a problem with the ABCF?

- No. There was a problem in the ABCF back in October '95, but in our opinion it was resolved in the correct manner. Really, the same thing happened with the ABCF, as happened to the NJAF, except there were enough people interested in the same thing to maintain a federation, the one we remain a part of now. How it started was several ABC groups in the same region began working together in mid '94. By early '95, people were taking a bigger interest in what was going on & NJ ABC drafted a proposal to build a national federation of ABC's to better organize the work. We felt this would enable us to grow with the best results. The first thing you need to build a federation is a common goal all people could agree on. We suggested support & defense of class war prisoners (PP/POW's), historically, that was what the ABC was for anyway. Mostly what we were & are about is trying to really get together & support what we all agree on, & not highlight or support our differences. So at a meeting in May, '95 that was called by the regional groups, the participants looked at the proposal & accepted it. Groups in the ABCF had different opinions on some different issues, but at the time we didn't impose them on each other or anything. If one group believed in prison abolition, they organized around it as much as they like autonomously. But it wasn't something the whole ABCF agreed on, so collectively it wasn't what we focused on. Several months later half of the groups involved felt like they wanted to change the vision of the ABCF & these changes included several issues like this the other half disagreed on. What happened then was the two halves decided to split & work on the issues they felt were most important to them. The ABCF continues to grow & work on what we all agree on, the support & defense of PP/POW's.

Being active yourself in collective actions/activity & within an @ federation, what criticisms, if any do you have towards anarchist organizing? What advice would you give to others attempting to organize collectively?

- Only what our brief history & the history of all struggle shows generally. We need to define our own politics as best we can, & without compromising our own politics, try to unite with as many people possible to move forward. At such a low period of struggle right now, we wont often be able to do earth shaking things, however everything we do now must be done solidly & thoroughly, because we are building the foundation that earth shaking event will happen. That foundation must be strong, or it will crumble & set all our efforts back. There are lots of definable things in society that we can fight against like racism, sexism, homophobia, colonialism & many others. What we need to define is what we are fighting FOR. Build a vision, a goal & define the things that are in the way of that goal. Persistent struggle to overcome these obstacles is what brings us to victory. If we never give up & stick to our politics we will never stop moving forward.

Last comments?

- Only that it is good to hear from you again & to thank you for trying to set up the show for W@R that time in Baltimore. sorry we couldn't make it. Anyone interested in supporting the Warchest Program, getting a catalog of pamphlets, calendars, videos/audio tapes, shirts & other stuff the ABCF produces, or anything should write to:

PAC - ABCF, NJ / Box 8532
Paterson, NJ 07508-8532

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JERSEY ANARCHIST

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Voice of the Paterson Anarchist Collective and NJ Anarchist Black Cross Issue #41 April 1997

April 27th in Philly

From A Job is a Right Campaign

President Clinton, former president George Bush, Jimmy Carter and Geral Ford, Nancy Reagan, Lady Bird Johnson, Colin Powell, hundreds of govornors, mayors CEO and their top corporate backers will be in Philadelphia on April 27, 1997 for the "President's Summit on America's Future."

The purpose of this million dollar Summit is to promote "volunteerism", to convince us to do things the government is supposed to.

The President and Congress are cutting social programs and spending all our tax money on more cops, more prisons, more military and more corporate welfare.

Government schemes like W-2, "workfare" and prison-labor-for-profit are forcing millions of people into virtual slavery, while dragging down the wages of all working people.

Hard-won social programs like social security, medicaid and medicare are on the chopping block. Meanwhile, downsizing, layoffs and union-busting continue unabated.

The rich are geting richer, the middle class is getting poorer, and the poor are getting beaten into the ground.

If we dont start to fight back, there won't be any future for ourselves and our children.

Meet in Philadelphia at 6th and Market Street at 2 pm to demand an end to the cutbacks, phoney "welfare reform" and freedom for political prisoners, and many many more important issues.

For information on how to get $10 bus tickets to the demo. in the NJ/NYC area, call the National People's Campaign at:

212-633-6646

Or call their office in Philadelphia

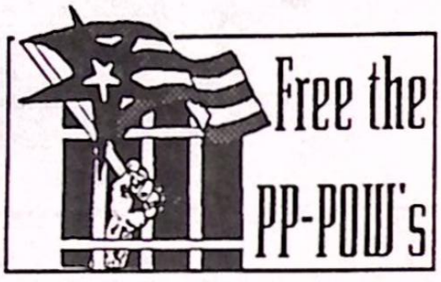
215-724-1618

Fast For Freedom of Puerto Rican POW's

April 4, '97 marked the 17th year of imprisonment for 11 of the 15 Puerto Rican PP/POW's.

The 15 Puerto Rican PP/POW's, many other PP/POW's and their supporters in North America and primarily in Puerto Rico fasted on April 4th and 5th in commemoration of this event.

News coverage of the fast was extensive in Puerto Rico, pressing authorities there to take a stand on their excarceration.



For more information on the fast or the Puerto Rican PP/POW's contact:

Natl. Cmt.
2048 W. Division
Chicago, IL 60622

LBC Events

Libertarian Book Club events begin at 8 pm at 122 W. 27th St.-10th fl. Contribution requested. Call 212-979-8353.

April 8: Skinheads, left, Right and Center. A talk by members of 'RASH (Red and Anarchist Skinheads) United'

May 13: Mondragon, Cooperative living and the working Basque country, and its lesson for the U.S. A talk by Roy Morrison.

June 10: Sacco and Vanzetti remembered. Speakers T.B.A.

Also August 22, 5-10 pm at 41st and 5th Ave (NY Pub. Library) will be a vigil commemorating the 70th anniversary of Sacco and Vanzetti's execution.

NEW From the ABCF

Moncton ABC- SG have finished the reproduction of:

Why Anti-Authoritarian? by Larry Giddings. 12 pages including an essay on anti-authoritarian politics, an update letter, and a brief position article on maintaining an anti-authoritarian presence in a movement where few exist.

Pre Sentence Allocation by Bill Dunne. 13 pages. A scathing indictment against the governments crimes against people.

$2 Canadian to:

Moncton ABC• Box 25103
Moncton NB, Can. • E1C9M9

RACE TRAITOR CONFERENCE

BUILDING A NEW ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT:

Friday, May 2, 1997, 7:30 pm, editors of the journal *Race Traitor*, will host a forum titled; **The Struggle against Whiteness: A Political Appraisal.** Entrance is $8 to $12 sliding scale. Speakers will be:

-Robin DG Kelly: author of *Hammer* and *Hoe and Race Rebels.*

-Rev. Dr Mary Foulke: Protestant chaplain at Wellesley College

-Noel Ignatiev: Editor of *Race Traitor*, author of *How the Irish Became White.*

On Saturday, May 3, 1997, from 9 am to 5 pm, Race Traitor will host a discussions and workshops. Entrance will be $10. Both events will be held at:

The Learning Alliance
324 Lafayette, 7th Fl.
btn. Houston & Bleeker
212-226-7171

For more info. write:

Race Traitor • Box 603
Cambridge, MA • 02140
http://www.postfun.com/racetraitor

JERICHO 1998 UPDATE

As reported in Jersey Anarchist # 39-40 (February, 1997), New Afrikan Political Prisoner, Jalil Muntaqim, has initiated a rally and march at the Whitehouse in Washington DC to demand amnesty for North American Political Prisoners.

More information has become available since then.

The tentative date of the march is March 21, 1998.

Interested parties are encouraged to form regional meetings to discuss the best way the region can organize for the national moblization.

Contact the following National Coordinators for Jalil's proposal for regional supporters (send a stamp) and more information:

RNA Emb.- NY • Box 330467
Brooklyn, NY • 11233
212-928-4349 ext. 2

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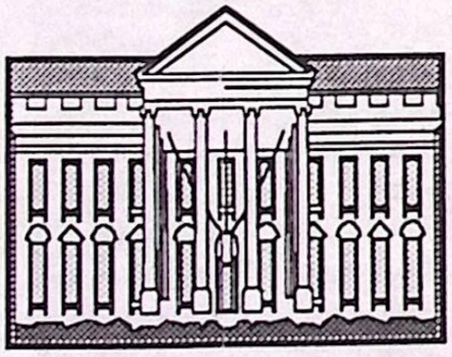
NALF • Box 340084
Jamaica, NY • 11434
718-949-5153



Warchest Appeal

The Warchest is a financial aid program of the ABCF (Anarchist Black Cross Federation). It sends monthly checks and emergency aid to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POW's) in the United States.

Funds are available only to those prisoners who were origionally sent to prison for their political and revolutionary contributions to legitimate political movements. Those in the most financial need are prioritized.

Though currently able to support seven PP/POW's with regular checks of up to $60, we have recently received two more applications from PP's who are in great need of finacial support.

However, the ABCF is in need of more regular contributors to the program before the they can begin to be supported by the Warchest Program.

Serving a much neglected function, the Warchest has provided consistant and reliable financial aid to PP/POW's since 1994. The Warchest is the only program of its kind within the United States. If you, or an organization you are a part of agree that PP/POW's deserve regular financial support, you should consider making a regular contribution to the effort. Contributing $10, $15, $20 per month or more will greatly strengthen the program, better suiting it in committing to send more monthly and reliable checks.

The ABCF prints a financial report every other month that is sent to contributors so they can monitor the money they they send, and to which prisoners it was sent. As Marilyn Buck, an anti-imperialist PP currently receiving a monthly check has said about the accountability of the program, *"I appreciate you for your scrupulousness in the matter of money."* The prisoners addresses are printed so that endorsers may hold us accountable to our claims.

We also prints a brochure of biographies about the prisoners who receive funding and the roles they played in the struggle prior to becoming PP/POW's.

Funds or questions to:

ABCF
Box 8532
Paterson, NJ
07508-8532
(201)-357-0994

Subscriptions & other information

Jersey Anarchist is produced on a more or less monthly time schedual. A yearly subscription (or 12 issues) is $5. Send hidden cash or make checks/money orders to "CASH". Prisoners subscription is twelve .32¢ postage stamps.

All back issues are available providing you include one stamp per every 4 issues requested.

NJ Anarchist Black Cross is a Branch Group of the Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF). The ABCF is a federation of several North American ABC groups dedicated to building support and defending Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War in America.

NJ ABC maintains the ***Warchest Program*** of the ABCF. Currnetly supporting 7 PP/POW with monthly checks of up to $60, the Warchest has provided reliable and consistent financial support to PP/POW's since 1994. By collecting regular and/or one time contributions from supportive groups and individuals, we pool the recources and send them to the PP/POW's who recieve the least financial support to our knowledge. There is also an ***Emergency Fund*** which sends immediate financial relief to PP/POW's in need of emergency or one time funding. Consider having you or your group support the Warchest by sending a one time, or monthly contribution. Send cash or checks/money orders made to "CASH" to NJ ABC.

NJ ABC also produces an ***ABCF Catalog*** of pamphlets, shirts, audio/video tapes, calendars and other merchandise about PP/POW's we sell to raise funds for the prisoners. Send $1, or 3 stamps to NJ ABC to recieve a catalog.

Also available from NJ ABC is the bi-monthly ***ABCF Update***. This includes reports of ABCF groups activities, proposals for future work and opinions of PP/POW's on our activities.

A yearly (6 issues) subscription to the ABCF Update is $15. Send cash or checks or money orders made to "CASH" to New Jersey ABC- BG. Prisoners subscription is twelve .32¢ stamps.

To subscribe to Jersey Anarchist or the ABCF Update, get an ABCF catalog, or participate in the Warchest Program, write:

PAC or NJ ABC
P.O. Box 8532
Paterson, NJ 07508
(201)-357-0994

SOME PRISONERS SUPPORTED BY THE WARCHEST

Other anarchist groups is NJ

Anarchist League • Box 571
Park Ridge, NJ 07656
Pacifist - Anti war tax work

No. Jersey AYF • Box 8532
Paterson, NJ 07508
Misfit Society youth zine

Ringwood @'s • 15 Caterine Ct.
Ringwood, NJ 07456
Alt. music recording & shows

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AVAILABLE FROM
NEW JERSEY ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

FALL '95 CATALOG

Inside this catalog, you will find merchandise that was produced by New Jersey Anarchist Black Cross (NJ ABC) with the intention of raising consciousness about Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (P.P./P.O.W.) in the United States. All proceeds from all merchandise go directly to the P.P./P.O.W.'s featured unless it is otherwise noted (*). When noted, the funds go directly toward supporting the projects and programs of NJ ABC such as the War Chest Program.

Because this merchandise is for fund raising purposes, we are unable to offer them at discounted rates to stores, distributors, etc. However, with orders of 6-11 we can offer a reduced rate. Orders of 12 and up can be purchased for a further reduced rate. Please contact us for details.

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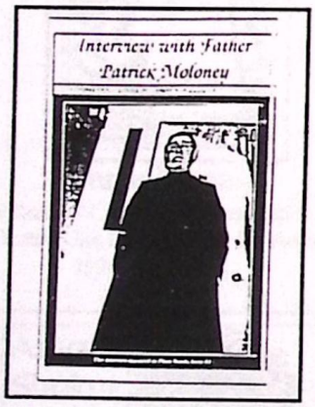
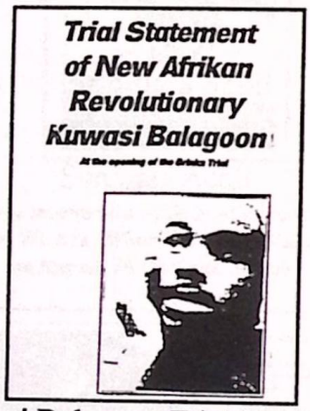


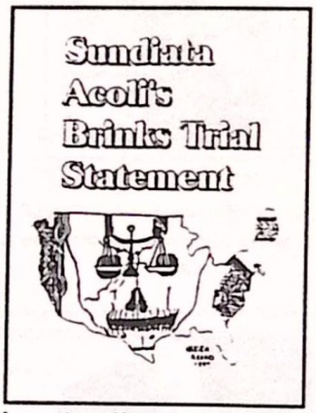
Interview with Fr. Pat Moloney

Fr. Pat Moloney was convicted of conspiracy in the '92 $7.4M Brinks robbery that allegedly went to support the IRA



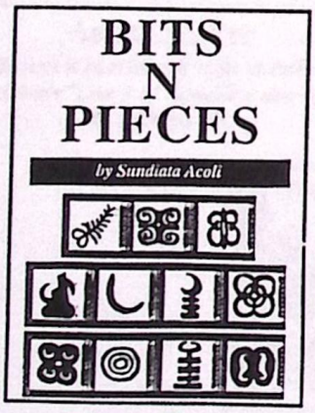
Kuwasi Balagoon Trial Statement

BLA soldier and POW, Kuwasi Balagoon delivers this statement to the court at his Brinks trial



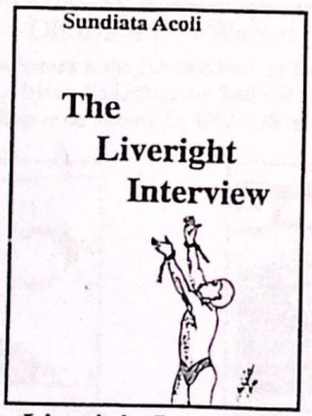
Sundiata Acoli Trial Testimony

BLA soldier and POW, Sundiata Acoli's testimony on behalf of defendant Sekou Odinga 8-15-83



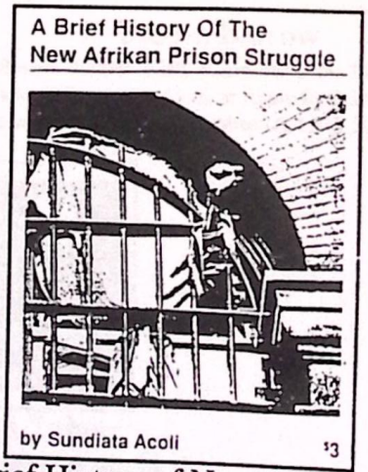
Bits 'n Pieces

A compilation of several writings by BLA Prisoner of War, Sundiata Acoli



Liveright Interview

Betty and Herman Liveright interview Sundiata Acoli while in Prison at Leavenworth.



Brief History of New Afrikan...

Sundiata Acoli outlines the history of New Afrikans and their struggles in U.S. prisons

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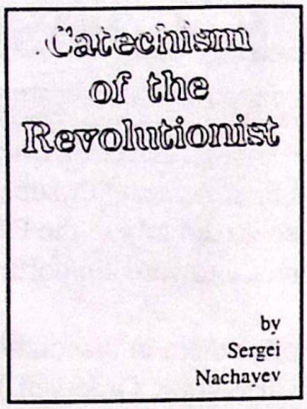
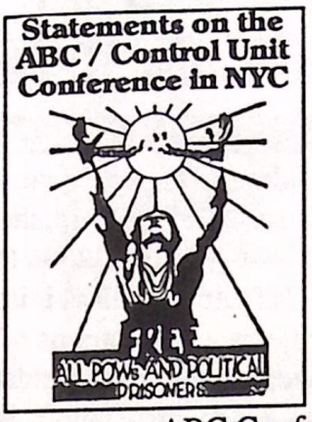


Catechism of the Revolutionist

First printed in the 1800's, Sergei Nachayev authors this outline of strict discipline and focus needed by the revolutionary

Basic Bakunin

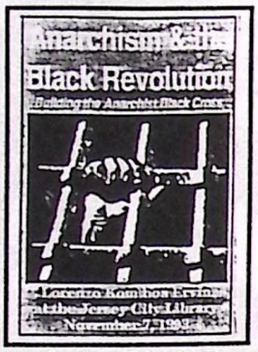
First Printed by the Anarchist Communist Federation, this booklet explain some politics of Bakunin who's been called the father of Anarchism



Statements to ABC Conf.

R. Levassur, H. Thompson, J. Perrotti, L. Whitehorn and the Peltier Defence Com. send statement to the Conference participants.

AUDIO TAPES



Anarchism & the Black Revolution

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin speaks with Breeze Barrow and Edna Rashid at the Newark Public Library November 7, 1993. 90 min.

Interview with Fr. Pat Moloney

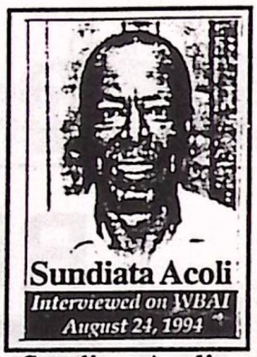
This is the audio recording of the booklet interview conducted while Fr Pat was under house arrest on January 22, 1994. apx 45 min.

Bobby Seale & Huey Newton

2 Bobby Seale speeches, one at a Panther reunion another as a PP in prison. 2 Huey Newton Interviews, both while in prison. apx 60 min

Bonnie Kerness

Bonnie Kerness' Control Unit presentation at the ABC/Control Unit Conference in NY August 12, 1994. apx 20 min.



Sundiata Acoli

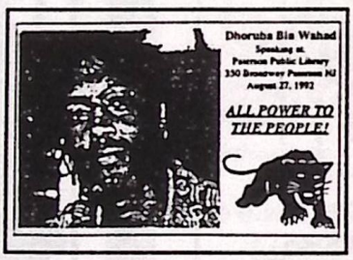
Sundiata is interviewed while in Allenwood Federal Prison by WBAI's "Where We Live" radio program on August, 24 1994 apx. 30 min.

George Jackson

George Jackson is interviewed by an unknown person at an unknown time while at San Quentin. apx. 50 min.

Assata Shakur

Assata Shakur is interviewed while in exile in Cuba by Gil Noble's "Like It Is" television show on April 10, 1988. 60 min.



Dhoruba Bin Wahad

Dhoruba Speaks at the Paterson Public Library with Bilal Hakim, Ed Little, John Ruff and Kamal Rogers on August 27, 1992. 120 min.

E. Breeze Barrow

Breeze Barrow (RIP), a member of the Black Panther Newspaper Com. at Right To Existence Anarchist bookstore December 16, 1992. 50 min.

Ramona, Carlos, Consuella Africa

Ramona, Carlos and Consuealla Africa of the MOVE organization speak at Da Underground, Hip Hop Club in Paterson, NJ March 16, 1994. 60 min.

Sacco & Vanzetti Tribute

PAC's tribute to Sacco and Vanzetti on the 75th anniversary of their death at Feddericci Park, Paterson, NJ. August 23, 1992. 15. min

SHIRTS

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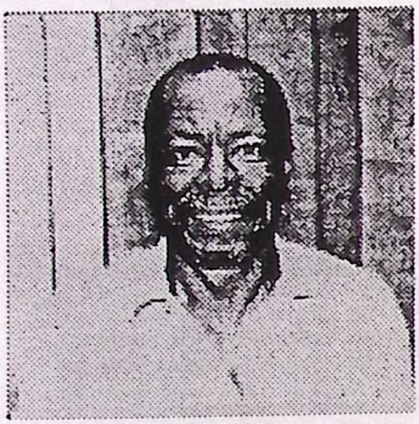

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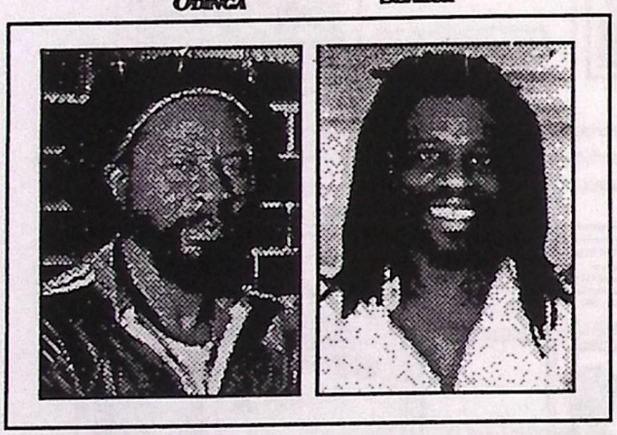
(panther back)

Shirts are black heavyweight 50/50 blend with blue and white ink. This shirt comes with a choice of BLA or Panther logo on back. Please specify size and back logo.

Sekou Odinga & *Mutulu Shakur*



New Afrikan Political Prisoners Of War In America

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Cant Jail The Spirit

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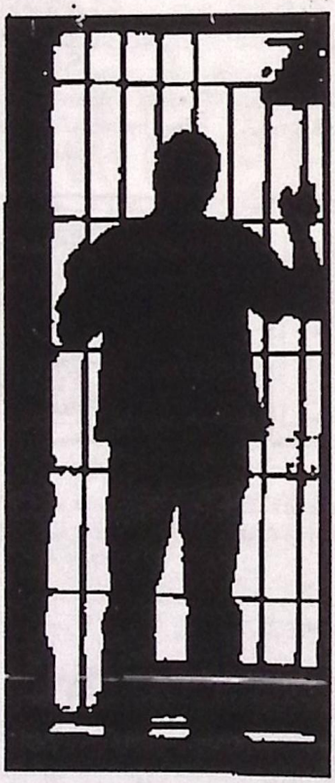
REMEMBER WE'RE STILL HERE



SUPPORT ANARCHIST AND CLASS WAR PRISONERS

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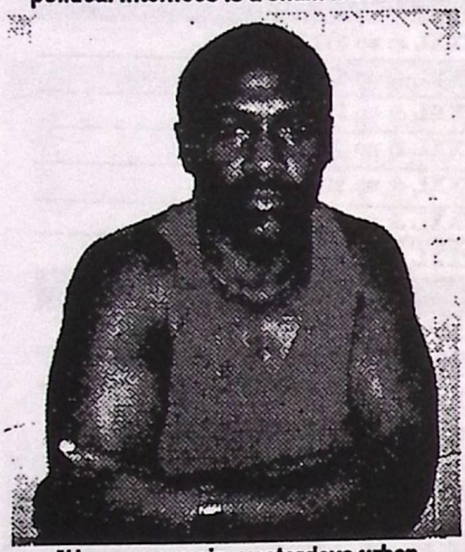

"Here we remain, yesterdays urban guerillas, abandoned in captivity."

-Ojore N. Lutalo

(front)

ON PRISON REBELS

WHEN OJORE SAYS HE IS NOT A PRISON REBEL, IT IS BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT ONE CAN NOT OVERTHROW OR UNDERMINE A REPRESSIVE REGIME FROM THE CONFINES OF A PRISON CAGE SINCE THE FRONT IS OUT THERE & NOT WITHIN. PRISON REBELS EMBRACE THE REBELLIOUS BEHAVIOR & ATTITUDE OF A DRAGON WHILE THEY ARE IN CAPTIVITY, BUT UPON RELEASE OR SHORTLY THERE AFTER, THEY VACILLATE BECAUSE THEIR PROJECTED COMMITMENT WAS NEVER INTENDED TO EXTEND BEYOND PRISON WALLS.

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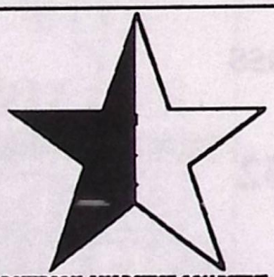

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